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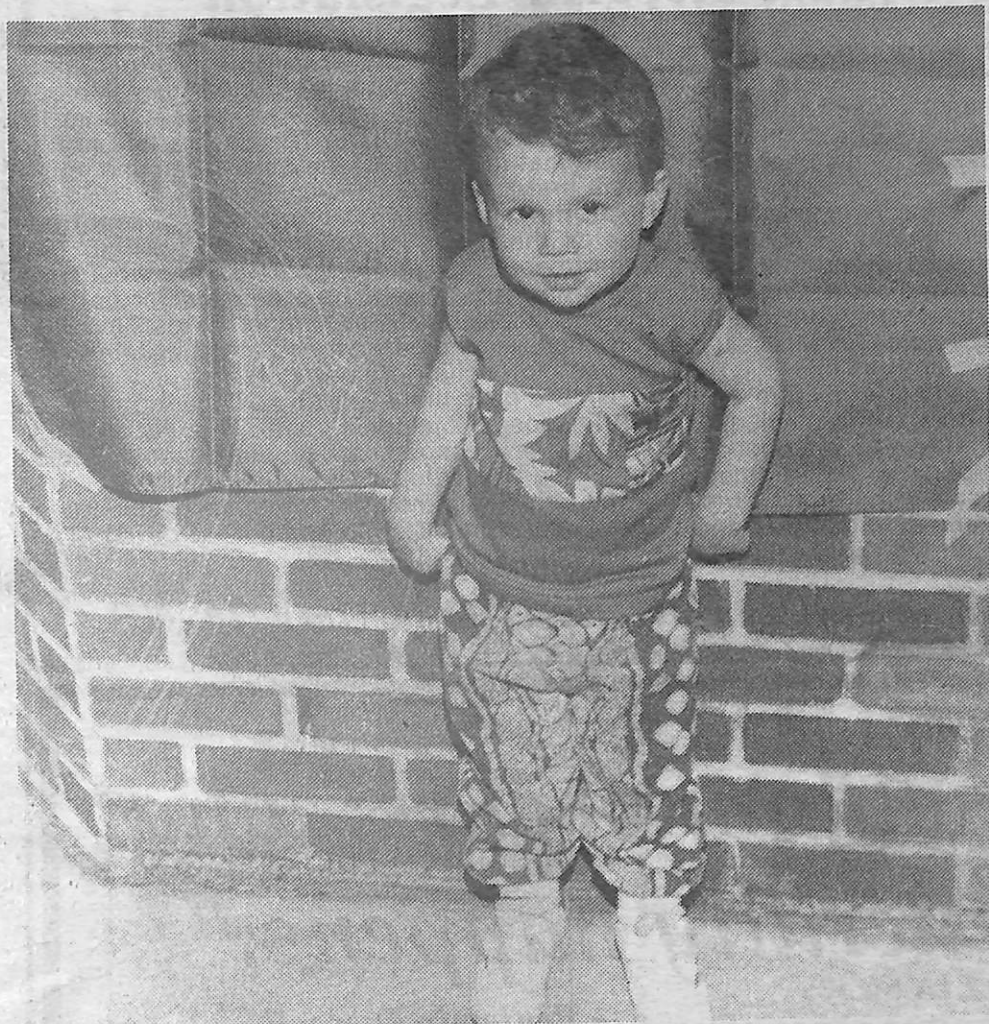
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Rotary Club "Fingerprints" Kids...



ON SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, the Agawam Rotary Club conducted a program at the Veterans' Green whereby local children were fingerprinted for identification purposes. IN LEFT PHOTO: Little Tyler Martin Belisle was reluctant to show us his hands. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Rotary Club members Tom Vitro, Rev. Curt Fuller, Jack Walsh, and Dr. Buddy Denison. (See related photo on Page 2.) Advertiser News
photos by Jack Devine.

Perry To Launch Campaign To Change State Law...

Council Granted Intervenor Status In Tennessee Gas Bid To Bypass Zoning

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Resistance may be futile in the case of Tennessee Gas Pipeline's request for an exemption from the town's zoning code. But by the end of the summer, one Agawam Town Councilor is planning to launch a campaign to change the state law allowing public utilities to bypass local zoning authorities by petitioning the State Department of Transportation and Energy (DTE) for an exemption.

On Monday night, Town Council President Donald M. Rheault said he was proud to announce the council's request for intervenor status in the Tennessee Gas case pending at the DTE had been granted. Rheault asked the councilors to send

him their ideas on what presentation the council wishes to make at the evidentiary hearings to be held on August 27th-28th in Boston.

As intervenors in the case, the council has the right to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and file an appeal of the DTE decision with the state Supreme Judicial Court.

At presstime, Rheault could not be reached to discuss what steps he will be taking to determine how the council will be represented at the DTE hearings or whether a special council meeting will be needed. The next regular council meeting

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Council Tables 2nd Reading...

Ordinance On Used Cars Sent Back For Repairs

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After listening to a parade of irate used car dealers on Monday night, Town Council unanimously tabled the second reading of an ordinance that had received unanimous support at the first reading last month.

With no discussion, the council agreed to send the measure back for repairs by the three council committees, rules, licensing, and ordinance, which had already approved the new rules governing the way used car dealers are licensed.

Representing 11 used car dealers, Attorney Brad Martin told the council several existing businesses would be dramatically and negatively affected if the new rules are adopted.

After the tabling vote, Council President Donald M. Rheault said he expected the three committees to meet with Martin and the dealers, "to make sure we don't hurt any existing businesses."

Martin said the requirement for a certified plot plan as part of the licensing procedure would

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*** TO OUR READERS ***

Want to learn more about the residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills? Then be sure to check out "Your Neighbors," a new feature by Peggy Shoemaker, in our "Social" section.

Remember, a 12-month subscription to The AAN is just \$24.50, so call us or visit our office to learn how you can get all the local news all year long.

Have A Balloon!!!



AMBERLE AND HOLLY YORK watch with delight as a magician creates an animal balloon during the Agawam Rotary's fingerprinting program at the Veterans' Green on Saturday, July 25th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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place an undue financial hardship on existing businesses. He said the 10-foot buffer zone might affect some businesses so drastically that they could no longer function. Also, the full-time business requirement could stop some dealers from doing business as they have legally and properly done for years, Martin added.

Could Be Costly

Other dealers complained that a certified site plan could cost them between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and questioned the fairness of requiring a 10-foot buffer zone when town buildings have no buffer zone for their driveways and parking lots.

Arthur LaFleur, a dealers' license holder for 30 years, said he believed the new rules would reduce the number of cars allowed on his lot from 20 to 10.

"This is going to hurt all used car businesses," LaFleur said. "The rules worked before and if someone was over the limit of cars, then fine them. If it happens again, revoke their license. There is nothing wrong with the old ordinance; I've abided by it for 30 years."

Last month Rules Committee Chairman

Negrucchi said his committee believes the new rules will benefit both the town and the used car dealers.

The ordinance would give the town a certified plot plan for each used car lot and the power to enforce the regulations. The dealers would be allowed to increase the number of cars on display by one-third, and the amount of space set aside for customer parking would decrease, Negrucchi said at the July council meeting.

But the dealers say they may actually be allowed fewer cars on display, even though the amount of space required for each car is being reduced from 300 square feet to 200 square feet (because of the buffer zone requirements of the proposed ordinance).

Also, dealers don't like the restrictions on their operating hours in light of the fact that other businesses are not held to the same restrictions.

Besides scrapping the old council rule under which used car dealers were licensed, the new ordinance will clean up the town zoning code by incorporating Massachusetts General Law (which prohibits issuing a license to buy and sell used cars to anyone unless that is their principal business), Negrucchi said.

Massachusetts Senate Passes Meaningful Managed Care Reform Legislation

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced Senate passage of landmark managed care legislation which would enhance the quality of patient care and hold HMO's accountable for denial of certain necessary benefits.

"It is important to get our priorities straight for health care consumers in Western Massachusetts," Melconian said. "Health care is about saving lives, not dollars and cents. We must insist that health care consumers who are in managed care receive the medically necessary procedures to which they are entitled."

The Senate legislation would allow doctors, not HMO's, to make decisions on what is medically necessary care. It would allow for emergency room care if a "prudent layperson" would determine that such care is necessary. And it puts strong prohibitions on financial incentives for doctors who deny care to keep costs down.

"These are important consumer protections against the pitfalls of for-profit medicine," Melconian said. "The only thing HMO's care about is the financial bottom line. The Senate has firmly stated that the needs of the patient can and must come first."

Another important consumer protection creates the Office of Managed Care within the Department of Public Health. The office would accredit health plans, issue standards for patient appeals, and publish HMO "report cards." In addition, the Senate created a patient ombudsman to advocate on behalf of consumers.

"HMO's have money, staff, and information at their disposal," Melconian said. "The patient has none of these resources. The ombudsman would act as the advocate for the patient."

The Legislation now moves to a House/Senate conference committee to iron out the differences in the two bills.

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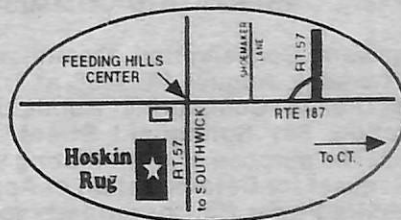
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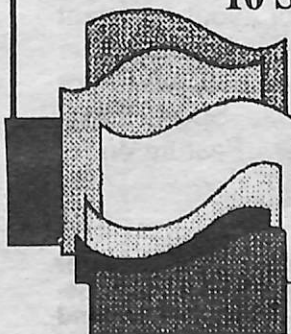
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will take place on Tuesday, September 8th after the hearings have concluded.

Council Expected To Hire Attorney

After the council unanimously approved a resolution seeking the status to intervene in the case last month, Rheault said he expected the council would hire an attorney with money set aside in the town's consultant budget. In a deal worked out between Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and the previous council, \$10,000 has been earmarked for the council's use.

But, the councilor who co-sponsored the resolution to petition the DTE for the right to intervene thinks it would be a waste of the taxpayers' money to hire an attorney to represent the council in a lost cause.

Councilor Dennis Perry believes the town has no chance of preventing Tennessee Gas from obtaining an exemption from local zoning. The exemption will allow the company to tear down an existing building and replace it with a new building to house a gas compression unit.

Perry said his intention in sponsoring the resolution was to allow the councilors, as individuals or as a group, to have the right to attend the hearing and let the DTE know that the elected representatives of the townspeople are opposed to the process of allowing utilities to sidestep local zoning laws.

"I sponsored the resolution because I felt it was wrong for Tennessee Gas to bypass local zoning," Perry said. "I did it to make the point that we represent the community and we are upset that the state will allow big business to bypass us. The average citizen is not going to go to Boston to complain, but the councilors should represent them."

Perry said he is planning to take the fight over local control of zoning issues to a new level by launching a statewide campaign to change the law so that utilities and public service corporations would be required to go through the local permitting process (before being allowed to appeal to the state for an override).

"My game plan is to have the council pass a resolution asking Senator Linda Melconian and Representative Daniel Keenan to file legislation requiring utilities to go through the local zoning process before appealing to the state," Perry said. "The next step will be to send the resolution to the other 350 communities of the Commonwealth and ask them to have their local representatives support the bill in the legislature."

Routine Process

At a public hearing in June, Tennessee Gas representatives said the company routinely chooses to go through the state permitting process, rather than go through local town boards, as a business decision based on cost, convenience to the company, and the expectation of being held to standards that are consistent across the state.

The Suffield Street company wants to replace a building constructed of asbestos material with a structural steel, sound-insulated building to house a new gas compression unit necessary to supply natural gas to the Berkshire Power plant under construction on Moylan Lane. The new Tennessee Gas building would be basically the same size as the old building and would be constructed on the same foundation, according to company officials.

Critics of the plan have had few complaints about the building itself. Rather, opposition has been focused on the way Tennessee Gas is going about getting the necessary approvals for the project and for their association with Berkshire Power.

Tennessee Gas is owned by El Paso Energy, a partner in the Berkshire Power project.

Last fall, Berkshire Power succeeded in obtaining an exemption from local zoning from the Department of Public Utilities, now the DTE, ending a two-year court battle between the power developers and power plant opponents.

LEGAL NOTICE

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, August 13, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Berkshire Power Co. for property located at 36 Moylan Lane.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Council Unanimously Passes Adult Zoning Ordinance On Third Reading

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Business owners in the Walnut Street/Ramah Circle area don't want to see an adult entertainment business opening in their neighborhood.

After Monday night's Town Council meeting, they won't have to worry about the effect a strip bar or pornography shop could have on their customers and the dozens of children who attend birthday parties at a family-oriented bowling and entertainment center each week.

Before giving a unanimous vote on the third and final reading of an ordinance to restrict the areas where adult entertainment businesses will be allowed to locate, the council was unanimous in increasing the buffer zone between X-rated businesses and schools, churches, youth centers, residential districts, or other adult entertainment businesses from 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

Council President Donald M. Rheault recommended increasing the buffer distance to 1,500 feet rather than designating specific areas as adult zones (as suggested by Councilors Gina Marie Letellier and Edward A. Caba).

Councilor Robert M. Young agreed with extending the footage requirement and asked why not make the distance even greater.

Advice Of Attorney General's Office

Councilor Simpson explained that the ordinance had been prepared with the advice of the Attorney General's Office as well as an expert in municipal law to provide as much protection for the town as possible while avoiding the likelihood of a successful court challenge. Zoning laws have been overturned in court if communities try to limit adult entertainment to a small area, Mrs. Simpson said.

"The more condensed the area is, the more a community is putting themselves in danger of a court challenge," Mrs. Simpson said. "We tried to make it withstand a court challenge as best we can. A couple of years ago, we proposed an ordinance with a 500-foot limit and we wanted

something stronger, so we made it 1,000."

Rheault indicated the 1,500-foot limitation as spelled out in the ordinance would mean an adult business could not locate in the Ramah Circle/Walnut Street commercial area.

Games and Lanes owner Robert Brunelle said he does not want an adult entertainment business as a neighbor to his business, which hosts about 500 children a week who attend birthday parties at the Walnut Street Extension location.

"I know everyone has a right to open a business, but I guess I just have concerns about the children," Brunelle said.

Susan Dempsey, co-owner of an auto repair shop on Ramah Circle, urged the council to increase the buffer distance in order to extend the protection given to other areas of town from the possibility of adult entertainment uses. "Long after you have left the City Council, my family and others will be impacted by your decision," Mrs. Dempsey said.

First proposed by Councilors Jill P. Simpson and Nancy S. Thompson, the ordinance received the approval of the Planning Board and the council's zoning and ordinance sub-committees.

After the vote, Mrs. Dempsey said she was satisfied that the council had done the best it could to protect the town from adult businesses, given the limitations of state and federal laws which prevent communities from banning adult entertainment.

"I feel the quality of our area will be maintained (with the 1,500-foot buffer) and our customers will feel comfortable and safe in coming to the area," Mrs. Dempsey said.

Among the areas where an adult business will be allowed are Bondi's Island, an area south of Riverside Park on Main Street, the Meadows, and the industrial area around Silver Street, Suffield Street, and Shoemaker Lane.

Public Housing Gets Boost From Both Legislative Branches

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is proud to announce the recent adoption of a financially responsible state housing initiative bill in both branches of the legislature.

"This reaffirms the Commonwealth's commitment to preserving and modernizing public housing throughout the state," said Keenan.

This legislation package includes \$296 million in new bond authorizations. The new bond authorizations combined with existing bond authorizations will fund the capital needs of housing for the next five years. More than half of the bond funds authorized will be spent on the modernization of existing state housing units.

The bill also introduces a new initiative called the Capital Improvement and Preservation Fund. This program extends the life of public housing units whose tenures as public housing is due to expire, and will reduce the loss in the number of housing units available for low-income, elderly, or handicapped persons.

Other provisions of the bill include housing for people with special needs, the undertaking of publicly owned infrastructure improvements, and promotion of neighborhood restoration efforts.



Letters To The Editor

F. Hills Resident Responds To "Good Manners" Letter

To The Editor:

After reading Mr. Schoolcraft's letter regarding the coach's good manners, I can't help but wonder if the sour taste in his mouth is that of a poor loser.

Hats off to the coach of the yellow team. After all, isn't part of coaching to fight for your team's rights?

Dolores Flavin
Feeding Hills

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Veterans' Corner...

Eligibility For State Veterans' Cemetery

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

We were excited this week to finally receive the long-awaited pre-registration forms for interment in the first State Veterans' Cemetery to be located in Agawam.

I've decided to include in this week's column the entire portion of the form that relates to eligibility to give veterans the opportunity to carefully read through all of the requirements and information provided regarding cemetery registration. This should address all of the various questions you have had over previous months.

Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Pre-Registration Interment Information For Agawam, Massachusetts

PRE-REGISTRATION allows a veteran to establish eligibility for interment in the State veterans' cemetery in advance. **There is no cost for pre-registration and it does not obligate the veteran to be interred in the cemetery.** It will simplify the process for the veteran's next-of-kin at the time of death.

Spouses, widows/widowers who have not remarried, and dependent children* of eligible veterans may also be interred at the cemetery. A separate pre-registration application is not necessary for dependents. **Specific gravesites may not be reserved.**

ELIGIBILITY for a veteran's interment at the cemetery is based on **Military Service** and **Massachusetts Residency**.

Veterans whose military service and state residency fulfill the following requirements are eligible:

Military Service:

1. The veteran was discharged or released from active duty service under honorable conditions, **OR**

2. The veteran served at least 20 years in the National Guard or United States' Reserves and is in receipt of a military pension or has documentation verifying he/she will receive retirement pay at age 60, in accordance with Title 10, Chapter 67, **OR**

3. Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies on active duty and whose home of record is Massachusetts.

Residency:

1. The veteran was a resident of Massachusetts at the time he/she entered military service, **OR**

2. The veteran was a resident of Massachusetts at the time of death, **OR**

3. The veteran entered the military from another state and was not currently residing in the Commonwealth at the time of death, **but was a Massachusetts resident for any five consecutive years after discharge from active duty.**

• **If the veteran was a resident of Massachusetts at the time he/she entered active duty** (including active duty for training) and "home of record at the time of entry into active service" was Massachusetts, the veteran's military discharge form (DD214 or other discharge form) will usually establish Massachusetts residency. If it does not, other documentation will be necessary.

• **If veteran entered military service from a state other than Massachusetts**, to pre-register the veteran must document that he/she lived in Massachusetts for at least five consecutive years after discharge from active duty. Any one of the following types of residency documentation will be acceptable.

1. Copies of Massachusetts's tax returns for five consecutive years after discharge from active duty showing a Massachusetts address.

2. An affidavit from a city or town clerk indicating that the veteran resided in Massachusetts for five consecutive years after veteran's discharge from active duty.

3. A statement from the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Service (with supporting documentation) indicating that the veteran was a Massachusetts resident for five consecutive years after veteran's discharge from active duty.

* Dependent Children:

• Unmarried minor child, under 21 years of age, or 23 if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

• Unmarried adult child incapable of self-support with physical or mental disability acquired before age 21, or 23 if pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution and was totally dependent upon the eligible veteran for support.

Procedure:

The procedure for pre-registering is to complete the **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR INTERMENT APPLICATION FORM** and send it to 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1002, Boston, MA 02202, along with documentation of military, Massachusetts residency and marriage certificate (if appropriate). Questions may be directed to (617) 727-3578 (ext. 108), or 617-727-5903 (Fax).

Military Service:

• If veteran served on active duty (or active duty for training for the National Guard or United States' Reserves), include a copy (photocopy is acceptable) of **military discharge form**. This will usually be **DD Form 214**, but may have a different form. If this form is not available, the information may be on file in The Adjutant General's Office, Military Records Section, 100 Cambridge St., Room 1001, Boston, MA 02202 (Massachusetts home of record residents only). Please contact

The Adjutant General's Office by phone, (617) 727-2964. Military discharge form will be used to establish dates of service, condition of service, and to show home of record.

• If veteran's qualifying military service was in the National Guard or Reserves, include a copy of **Letter of Retirement** and a **photocopy of the veteran's most recent Guard or Reserve retirement pay statement**. This letter will establish that the veteran served 20 years and qualified for retirement pay.

Marriage:

• If veteran is married and his/her spouse also wishes to be interred at the cemetery, please submit a copy of marriage license or certificate.

• Should death or divorce dissolve a second marriage (widow/widower), the spouse would then revert back to burial eligibility.

• A fee (\$300, subject to change and **paid at time of interment**) will be charged for burial of spouse, widows/widowers who have not remarried, and qualified dependent(s). **There is no charge for the veteran.**

Note:

• Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries will abide by all Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) and Federal Regulations (CFR) that govern the operations of veterans' cemeteries.

• Ineligible persons include "such others excluded from eligibility according to Public Law 105-116" and other applicable federal laws which prohibit burial in a National Cemetery of anyone convicted of a federal or state capital crime and sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

Should Veteran/Dependent(s) Pre-Apply?

• Yes. This assures the Veteran/Dependent(s) a final resting place without delay and eliminates the necessity of locating military records during a time of mourning.

If both veteran and spouse wish interment in the Veterans' Cemetery, you will need to furnish a copy of your DD214 (discharge paper) and a copy of your marriage certificate. If you did not live in Massachusetts at the time of entry into the military, you will need a certification of Massachusetts residence of five consecutive years after discharge from active duty.

If you need assistance with completion of the pre-registration form, **you will need to call for an appointment so that we can schedule a specific time to meet with you.** If you choose to complete the form and provide the necessary documentation and mail yourself, please call, then come in to pick up your form. (Since I will be on vacation for a while, this will assist my staff in providing the best service possible.)



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Florence D. Carlin

Florence D. (DiSanti) Carlin, 76, of 238 Maple Street, Apartment E-3, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a secretary at Manpower Inc. from 1963 to 1988, and had also worked at Titeflex Co. and the Springfield Armory.

She was born in Springfield, and attended the High School of Commerce.

She lived in Agawam since 1989.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, and a member of the Agawam Golden Age Club (Chapter 1) and the Friends of the Public Library. She was a former member of the Italian Women's Club.

Her husband, Jerome V. Carlin, died in 1988.

She leaves a son, Steven P. of Agawam; three sisters, Mary Gannuscio of Agawam, Rose Villamaino of East Longmeadow, and Frances Mastroianni of Cranberry, New Jersey; a granddaughter; a great-granddaughter; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01106-1210.

William A. Davilli

William A. Davilli, 85, of 219 North Street, Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home.

He was a 20-year master electrician for the former Albert E. Steiger Department Stores, and retired in 1978.

He was previously an independent electrician, and worked at the former Perkins Machine & Gear Co. of Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills for 46 years.

He was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church, and belonged to the Congamond Lakes Yacht Club.

His wife, Emily W. (Eastens) Davilli, died in 1996.

He leaves a brother, Faustino of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Emilia Fessler of Feeding Hills, and

Adele Cochrane of Springfield; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Easter Seal Society, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Madelyne G. Scheve

Madelyne G. (Motto) Scheve, 43, of 171 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, died at home.

She was a 23-year clerk for Big Y Corp.

Born in Waltham, she was an Agawam High School graduate, a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and was a lifelong resident of Agawam.

She leaves her husband, Glen; a daughter, Dawn Rodriguez of West Springfield; a sister, Regina Woods; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Lucian M. Messina

Lucian M. Messina, 85, of Arlington, Massachusetts, expired on July 25th in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, as a result of complications arising from an automobile accident he was involved in on July 15, 1998.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he lived in Somerville before moving to Arlington in 1957. He graduated from Boston College and Boston College Law School. He was a decorated World War II veteran and a retired employee of the Massachusetts State Tax Department.

He leaves his wife, Carmela (Colosi); a daughter, Frances Messina of Agawam, who is the Art Academic Coordinator for the Agawam Public Schools; a son, Marc Messina of Dallas, Texas; and three grandchildren, including Steven Messina of Agawam.

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

How To Keep Your Family Safe From Electrical Fires

We rely on electricity to do so many things in our daily lives, from that first cup of coffee in the morning to the nightly news before we go to bed, and countless activities in-between.

To keep you and your family safe from electrical fires, the Agawam Fire Department encourages you to use the following guidelines:

- When you shop for appliances or tools, look for the mark of a recognized testing laboratory (i.e., Underwriters Laboratories [UL] or Factory Mutual [FM]) on the box of appliance itself.
- If an appliance is hot to the touch, sparks, or does not operate properly, unplug it immediately and have it repaired or replaced.
- Portable appliances should only be plugged in when you intend to use them. Otherwise, keep them unplugged.
- On appliances with removable power cords, always unplug at the source of power first.
- Be on the lookout for damaged or frayed cords and wires, and replace when necessary. Take care not to kink, twist, or cut any cord.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, do not attempt to use it in a two-slot electrical outlet by cutting off the third prong or bending it out of the way.
- Keep appliances clean and lubricated according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Minimize the use of extension cords. They are designed for temporary use only and should be the right capacity for the tools or appliances on which they are used.
- If you are experiencing problems with blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers, have a qualified electrician check your electrical system.

If you have an electrical fire, remember you shouldn't use water to extinguish it. You could receive a severe shock.

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As long as it's used safely, electricity can greatly improve the quality of life. For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 13, 1998 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Basdekis for work to be performed on Lots 4A and 5A Marla Place, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: August 6, 1998

State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan Pleased With Tax Cut Approved By Massachusetts House

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to inform Massachusetts taxpayers that a \$700 million tax cut has been approved by the House of Representatives. This tax cut is the largest in Massachusetts' history.

"This is an historic tax cut for the taxpayers of Massachusetts," Keenan said. "It is a great feeling to have supported a tax cut that will effect and benefit all taxpayers."

This tax cut will offer tax relief to the working families of Massachusetts, as well as persons trying to save for retirement, a first home, or college education. The key elements of the tax cut include:

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\$4,400 to \$8,800 for joint filers - a \$262 tax cut per filer

* **Reduce Rate of Taxation on Interest and Dividend Income** from 12 percent to 5.95 percent

* **Roth and Education IRAs**

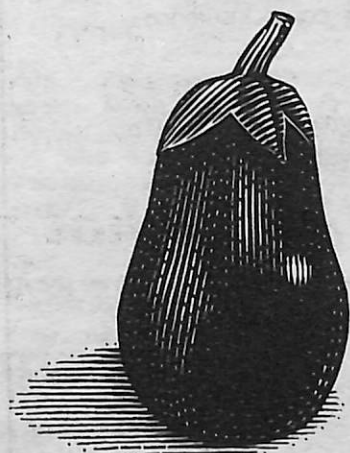
Income growth from the Roth and Education IRAs are tax-free at distribution; federal four-year averaging for persons rolling over from traditional IRAs to the new Roth IRA.

* **Capital Gains on the Sale of a Principal Residence**

Single taxpayers - the first \$250,000 of capital gains from the sale of a primary residence are exempt from state income tax.

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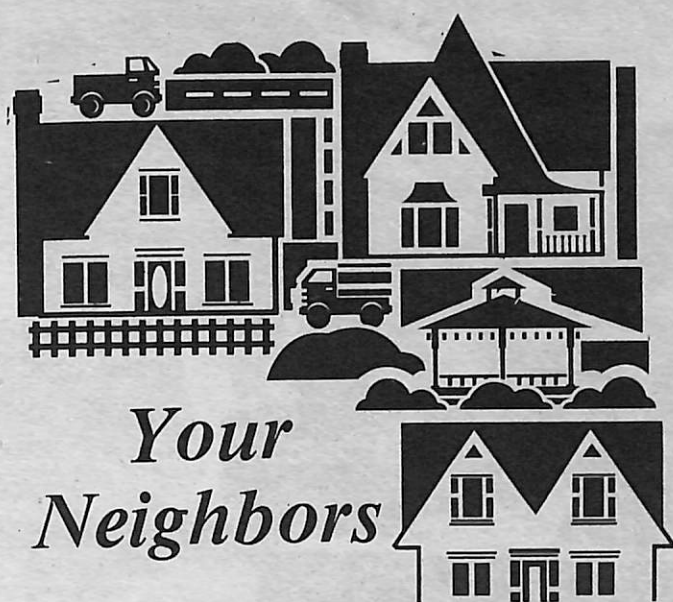
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Families



Thomas Davilli: One Of The First AHS Soccer Players

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Homecomings are times for reminiscing, and so it was recently when Captain Thomas Davilli, U.S.N., visited for a few days with his parents, Faustino & Anita Davilli of North Street, Feeding Hills.

Walter Willard, a former mathematics teacher at Agawam High School and the coach of its soccer team for some years, heard about the visit. Presently a math teacher at Chestnut Middle School in Springfield, he was working on his second job of home improvements, and was roofing the Davilli home when the oldest Davilli son came home. A flood of memories surfaced about the first soccer team AHS ever had in 1968 with Davilli

and Wayne Gates at co-captains and Willard as its coach.

Willard recalled it this way: "Thirty-one years ago, Tom Davilli was a running guard and linebacker on the freshman football team at AHS. His teammates were the likes of Lou Conte (current Agawam Middle School Assistant Principal) and Mike Drewnowski."

He continued, "It was as good as you can get! Agawam was a football town, and nobody knew how to play soccer."

The High School started soccer for the first time in September of 1968, according to Willard, who added, "School Committee members Arthur Zavarella and Rich Borgatti realized Agawam was probably the only town around without a soccer team. This was an advantage for football coaches, but not for good athletes who wanted to play another sport. Tom and a half-dozen or so of his classmates decided to try the new sport."

By the fall of 1970, Davilli was chosen president of the senior class and co-captain of the soccer team with Wayne Gates. This squad had well-known hockey players on it, including Steve Atwater, Don Wheeler, and Doug Janik, and basketball players Steve Roberts and John Cheslawski. Hardly anyone on the team was just a soccer player, and no player had more than two years experience (not a good idea when playing strong teams like Chicopee and Ludlow).

"Under Davilli's leadership," Willard said, "the 1970 team did well, nearly making the playoffs and racking up a 6-0 victory over Longmeadow."

"Tom, a fullback, injured his right leg during the season but kept on playing by practicing using his left leg, a skill which came in handy over the years," Willard boasted.

The Davilli family was friends with Lucy & Don Gaunt, and Don flew helicopters to inspect gas lines for Tennessee Gas Co. Their son, George, had become a Navy pilot. Davilli's mother, Anita (a former member of the Agawam Town Council), feels this family had a bearing on the direction her son's life would take. Sadly, George died some time later in a mid-air Navy airplane collision.

Off To Annapolis...

Davilli applied for and was accepted by the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis during his senior year at AHS. "This was a great honor," Willard



U.S.N. CAPTAIN THOMAS DAVILLI

said, "but it surprised no one as Tom was a good student, a good athlete, and a leader."

From 1971 to 1975, Davilli attended the Naval Academy, where he also played soccer, and returned to town last year to play in the Annual AHS Alumni Soccer Game, helping the alumni win, 5-4.

After the Naval Academy came flight school, and Davilli learned to fly helicopters. For three

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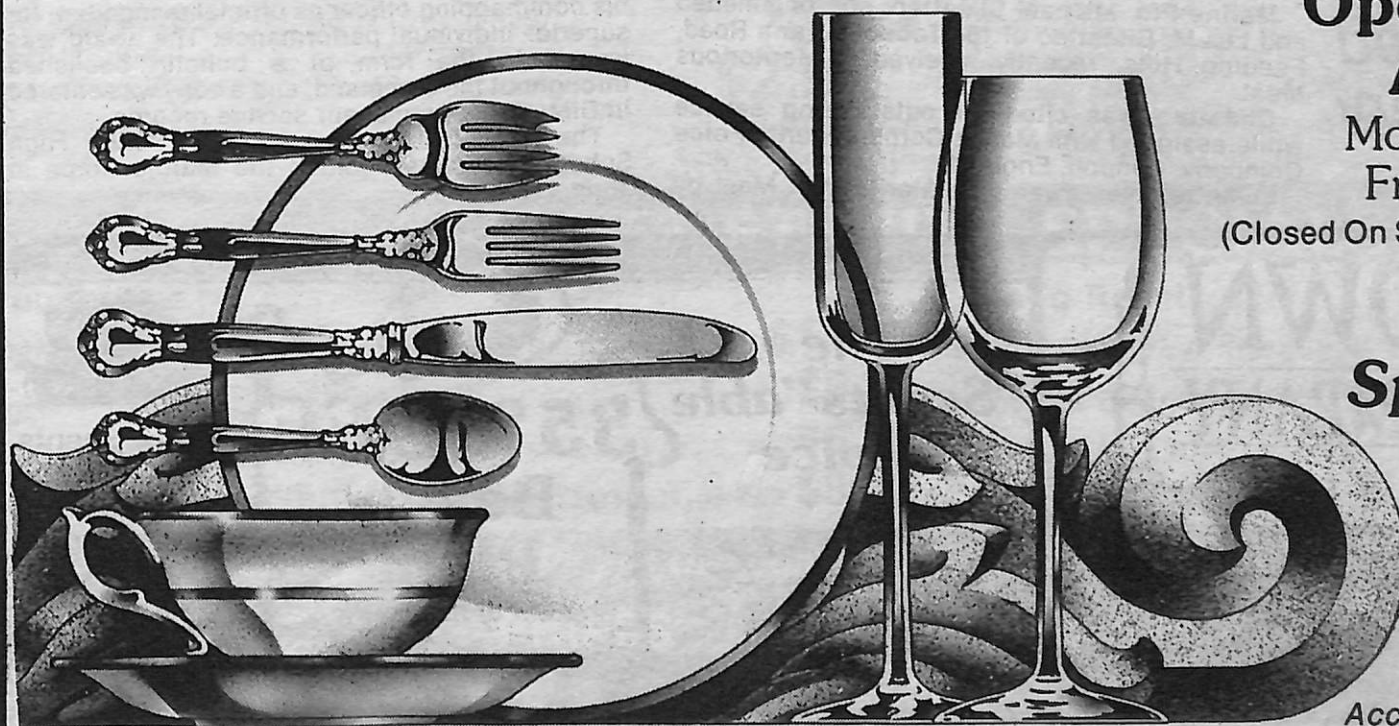
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UNICO Gearing Up For Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will be holding its 36th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, August 23rd once again at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

The Bar-B-Que will be held from 12:00 noon until 3:30 p.m. in the pavilion of the Polish Club. The cost for this year's meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under.

As in past years, there will be chicken, French fries, salad, corn, fruit drink, coffee, and watermelon.

All proceeds from the Bar-B-Que will be used to benefit Agawam UNICO and its many charitable activities. Agawam UNICO is well-known for its commitment to the community and the residents of Agawam.

Agawam UNICO continually provides scholarships as well as helping Agawam's mentally and physically challenged citizens. The organization is also known for its contributions to the many student and civic activities throughout the community.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets can obtain them from any UNICO member or at the door. This year's Bar-B-Que is being co-chaired by Frank M. Morassi and Ron Lalancette.



MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE in charge of Agawam UNICO's 36th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que, set for Sunday, August 23rd. Standing: Frank Pignatare, Dick DiLullo, Bruno Maule, and Joe Conte, Jr. Seated: Sal Morassi, Jr., Ron Lalancette (co-chair), Frank Morassi (co-chair), Frank Chriscola, and Don Hanna. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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years he was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, and for three years in Panama City, Florida. Davilli said that for the next two years, his time as flight deck officer on the U.S. *Nimitz* was his most exciting assignment.

In 1980, he was assigned to the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. He had married the former Jayne Van Vliet of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and their daughter, Kathryn Anne, was born in Monterey.

Davilli spent two more years as commanding officer of the Naval Air Station in Alameda before going to Washington, D.C. to be on the staff of the Secretary of the Navy. He then went back to Alameda as commander of the Helicopter Mine Counter Measures Squadron.

For the next three years, he was a member of the Manpower Policy Staff at the Pentagon and also earned a master's degree in National Resource Management.

Following six months of training, Davilli's new assignment will be is Corpus Christi, Texas, where he is expected to be in charge of eight ships, a helicopter squadron, and four detachments of drivers. In Texas, his daughter plans to pursue interests in horsemanship and soccer.

"Tom hasn't changed much since high school," Willard grinned. "He still has those strong soccer legs. He thinks of soccer as different from football."

Willard added, "He called soccer a flowing game, 'a strategic thinking game,' with a lot of teamwork." Davilli also made comparisons between soccer and the military operations he now leads.

"Tom was a leader in high school," Willard summarized, "and he is a leader now, only with bigger operations. The captain is now a Captain with a capital 'C.'"

Davilli has a brother, Dr. Marty Davilli (AHS 1975), who resides in Agawam with his wife, Ellen (AHS 1976), and their two children.

Recognizing Seniors In Rebate Tax Program...



AT A LUNCHEON held at the Agawam Senior Center, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presented certificate-of-appreciation awards to the participants in this year's Senior Rebate Tax Program. This is the second year the program has been funded by the Town, whereby seniors dedicate 100 hours of community service to receive a \$500 voucher to reduce their property tax bill. Pictured above are John Walsh, Michael Masciotra, Helen Kisielewski, Pauline Paquette, Mayor Johnson, Janice Bonk, Paul Kerr, Helen Boissonneault, and Genevieve Theroux. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Marine Pfc. Michael DiMatteo Receives Meritorious Mast For Outstanding Service

Marine Pfc. Michael DiMatteo, son of Amedeo and Luz M. DiMatteo of 184 Tobacco Farm Road, Feeding Hills, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

DiMatteo was cited for outstanding service while assigned with Marine Corps Security Force Company, London, England.

DiMatteo was awarded a Meritorious Mast by

his commanding officer as official recognition for superior individual performance. The award was issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy was entered in DiMatteo's permanent service records.

The 1997 graduate of Agawam Senior High School of Agawam joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

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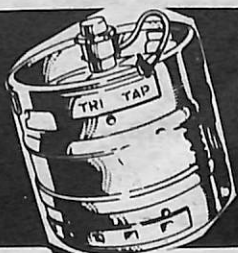
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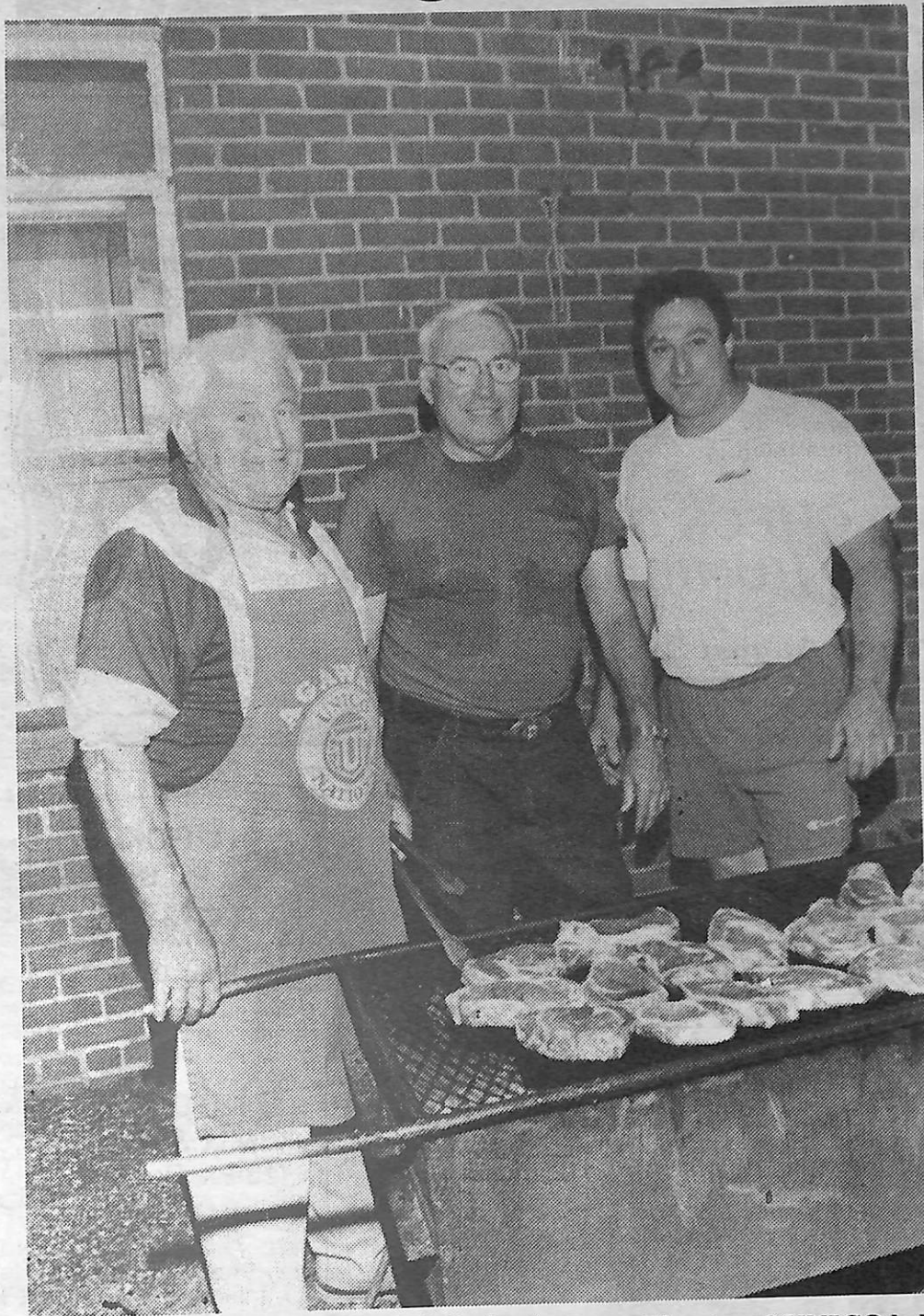
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At Agawam UNICO's Summer Cookout



IN MID-JULY, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO held its annual summer barbecue at the Italian Sporting Club. IN LEFT PHOTO: Charles Calabrese, Ed Disco, and Frank Morassi kept an eye on the steaks cooking on the grill. IN LEFT PHOTO: "How about a game of bocce?" - Mike Bonavita, Dan Lunden, and Vinnie Sciartilli. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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AIRMAN JOHN N. MOLTA

John N. Molta
Graduates From
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Air Force Airman John N. Molta has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Molta is the son of John G. Molta of 12 Elmar Drive, Feeding Hills, and Gloria J. Molta of 63 Worcester Ave., West Springfield. He is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.

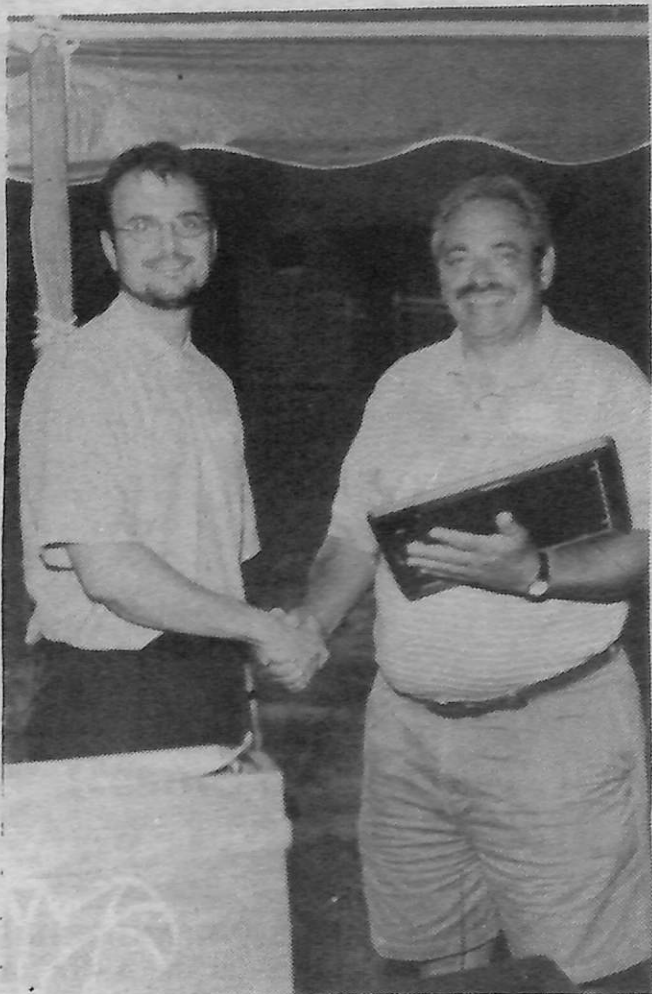
“Oktoberfest ’98”
Coming To Springfield
Turnverein Aug. 22nd

The Springfield Turnverein in Agawam is proud to announce the upcoming second annual “Oktoberfest 1998,” which will take place from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight on Saturday, August 22nd, at the club. The society is located at 176 Garden Street, Agawam, directly across from the Garden Street exit off Route 57. Entertainment will consist of music by the Melha Shrine German Band from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the “After-Hour D.J.” group will continue the beat from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Folk dancers, the Alpenland Dancers, yodlers, and various local craftsmen will perform the arts of their crafts. A coppersmith, a violin maker, and a hat maker will add to the day’s agenda. Plenty of good food will be available for the event, including various salads, knockwurst, bratwurst, kielbasa dogs, hot dogs, hamburgs, and a smoked pork dinner plate. Coffee and cakes are also part of the menu. Imported and domestic beer will be on hand along with soda and coffee. The donation for “Oktoberfest 1998” will be \$3 per person. Tickets are currently available at the club (786-0924) or by contacting any member. Chairman Bob Brock and his committee would be pleased to welcome you to the Oktoberfest and are hoping to see you there to join in on the celebration.

Agawam Garden
Club’s Annual Picnic
Slated For August 11th

The annual picnic of the Agawam Garden Club will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11th, at the home of Ann & Wesley Bradford on Oxford Street, Agawam. Members attending will bring individual picnic suppers and folding chairs. Dessert and beverages will be provided by the Bradfords. There will be a brief business meeting.

“Thanks, Ed!!!”



EDWARD BORGATTI of Agawam (left) is recognized for his volunteer efforts during the 1998 Easter Seal Annual Campaign. Along with his fundraising efforts, Borgatti is serving as a member of the Easter Seals’ state Board of Directors. Presenting Borgatti with his award is William Magrone, 1998 Easter Seal Annual Campaign Chair and member of the Board of Directors.

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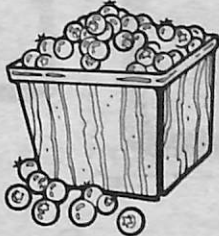
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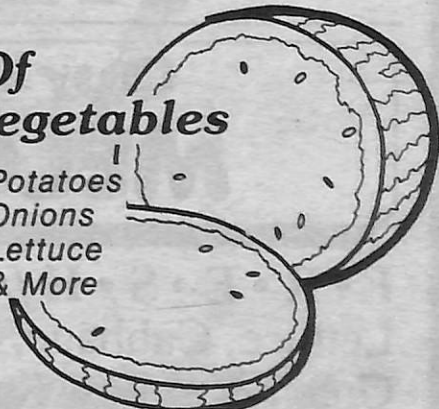
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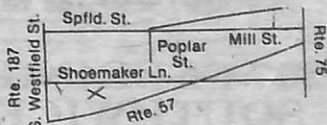
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Senior Games Athletes Hold Fundraiser



EDNA DUCA, JANICE BONK, AND CHRIS POLUMBO sold baked goods and other snacks at the ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) combination tag sale/bake sale/car wash on Saturday, July 25th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EVELYN BRIGHT, PEGGY BENTLEY, AND GINNY INGRAM at the ASGA tag sale/bake sale/car wash, which took place at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MARY KNOWLES, VI PRESZ, AND LENA PELOQUIN look over some of the various items that were available for sale at the ASGA's tag sale/bake sale/car wash. This event was just one of the various fundraisers that the ASGA conducts each year to offset the costs of the competitions in which the senior athletes participate. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For copies of his photos in this edition, contact AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

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Sasha is President of MDZ Seminars & Training and presents workshops to corporations and organizations on topics including presentation skills, customer service, and personal development.

The luncheon is Thursday, August 19th, at 12:00 noon at the Springfield Marriott. Cost is \$12. Call the Springfield Chamber at 787-1555 for reservations. Parking is validated.

This December 6th, she will be presenting the Third Annual **WHOLE Woman Conference**. This year's theme is *Celebrating the WHOLE Woman* — *Mentor, Motivator, Mediator, Muse*. A Continental breakfast, lunch, and seven workshops will be included.

It will be held at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. The cost is \$69 (early bird of \$59 with postmark before October 1, 1998). Again this year, proceeds from donated gifts will be given to Annie's House, a Springfield shelter for homeless women.

For more information and a complete brochure, call 821-0086.

Lesley Ann Daniels Is Engaged To Wed Darin A. Shlosser Of Agawam

Mark C. Daniels of Agawam and Ruth Daniels Carr of Hannibal, Missouri are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesley Ann Daniels, to Darin A. Shlosser of Agawam.

Miss Daniels graduated from Hannibal High School, received her Bachelor's Degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater,

Agawam High's Class Of 1973 To Hold 25th Reunion In November

It sure doesn't seem like 25 years have gone by! Agawam High School's Class of 1973 will be holding its 25th reunion on Friday, November 27, 1998, so save this date!

This gala event will be held at the elegant Log Cabin in Holyoke starting at 6:30 p.m. A wonderful evening is planned, including the well-known, eight-piece brass band, "Brass Attack," which will provide entertainment.

We are still trying to locate missing classmates. If you know anyone who has moved in the last five years or the whereabouts of the following classmates, please contact Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214.

Sandy Adams, John Brame, Lorraine Brazeau, Tom Brunelle, Constance Buynicki, Kevin Cawley, Claudia Cunningham, Barbara Dubour, Tom Folger, Candace Gallucci, Nancy George, Rebecca Jones, Judy Lacroix, Wendy Merchant.

Also, David Montagna, Catherine Parent, Harold Martin, Jen Reynolds, Wendy Richards, Andrew Robbins, Don Schebel, Steve Skiba, William Saliba, Mark Scales, Richard Strawn, Frank Talbot, Ted Wislowski.

Anyone with class memorabilia or old photos, please contact Sue Meunier (786-6669). Thanks, and watch for your invitation.

Oklahoma.

Her fiancé is a graduate from Agawam High School, and he received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts.

Both are residents of Agawam, pursuing careers in Connecticut.

A spring wedding of 1999 is planned.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 10th: Strip steak with gravy, cheese baked potato, peas, whole wheat bread, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, August 11th: Chicken breast, sweet potato, green beans, bread sticks, birthday cake.

Wednesday, August 12th: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potato, corn, oatmeal bread, ice cream.

Thursday, August 13th: Pork cutlet with gravy, scalloped potato, summer squash, whole wheat bread, apricots.

Friday, August 14th: Baked fish, potato salad, cole slaw, rye bread, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Brightside Adoption Resource Ctr. Slates Aug. 11th Presentation

The Brightside Adoption Resource Center's International Adoption Support Group will offer a presentation entitled "Talking to Young Children About Being Adopted From Another Country" on Tuesday, August 11th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield.

The informal session will be presented by child and family therapist, April Stein, LMHC, and will address issues including identity, abandonment, celebrating one's heritage, and dealing with private questions asked of adoptive couples in public.

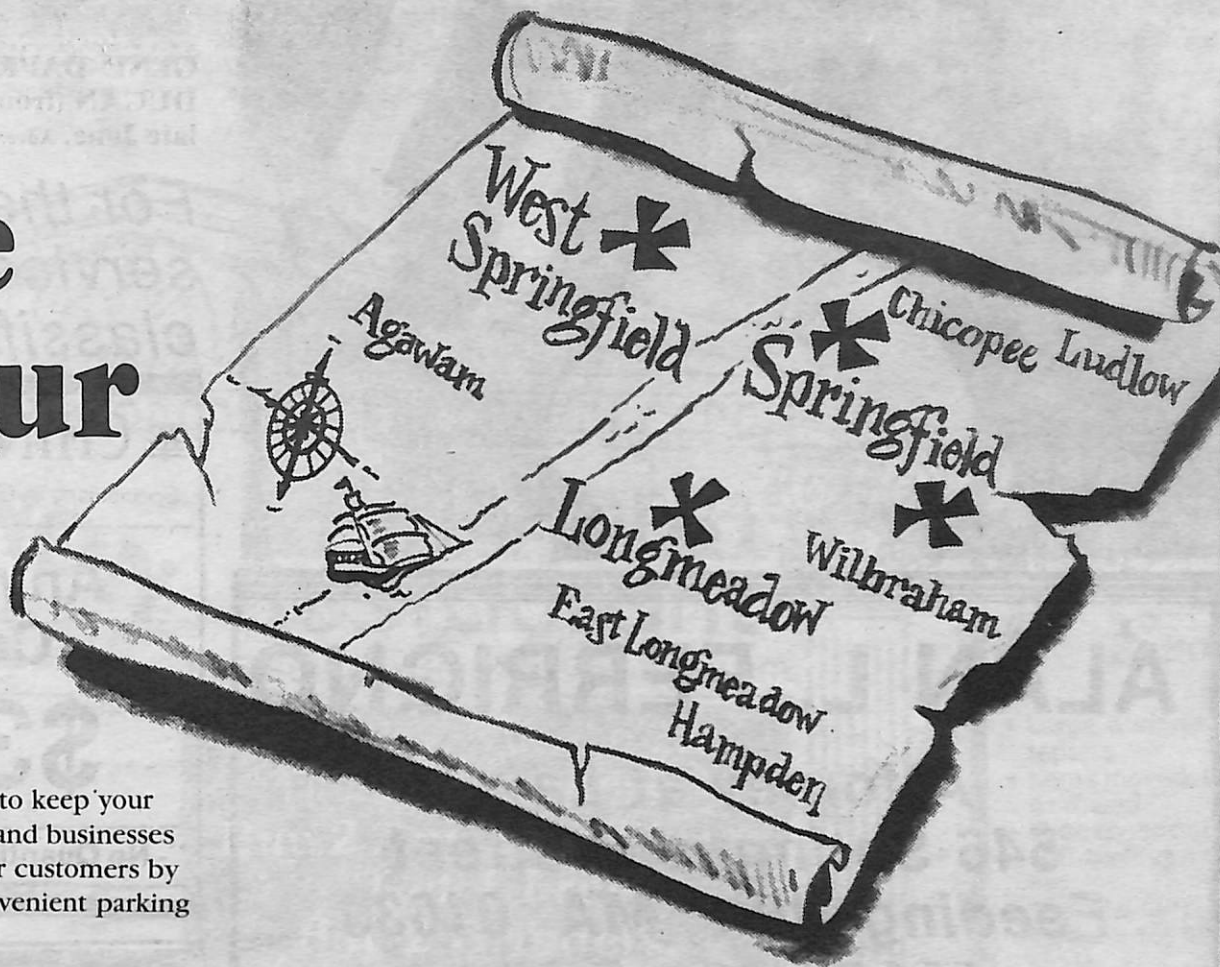
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Church News

At The "Space Mission" Bible Camp...



AGAWAM CHURCH OF THE BIBLE held its 1998 Bible Camp at the Agawam Middle School from July 20th-23rd. This summer, the Bible Camp incorporated a "Space Mission" theme.

St. John's Over-60 Group Plans Trip To Sites In Pennsylvania

The new Millennium Theater is finished, and "Noah" (the most popular stage extravaganza of the decade) is back. This is the show that everyone's talking about, and on September 1st, Noah and his family and all the animals will return to the stage in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

"Noah" is produced on one of the largest stages ever. You'll love the cast of Christian actors who (along with live and mechanical animals, amazing sets, and a spectacular ending) make this THE show to see.

St. John's Over-60 Group has a trip which in-

cludes this show from November 3rd through November 6th — four days for \$370 (double occupancy). If you would like to be on the list, please call Barbara Gingras, 786-7030, or Lil Doyle, 786-9586, as soon as possible.

Our three-night stay will be at the Sherwood Knoll Comfort Inn in Lancaster, and will include six meals and a tour of the Mount Hope Estate & Winery (to enjoy wine-tasting). A guided tour of Gettysburg National Park, plus admission to Eisenhower Farm, are also included.

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Church News - continued...

Summer Worship At First Baptist

Rev. Hal Martin will be the guest speaker this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Martin recently served as interim minister at First Baptist Church. Presently, he is Program Coordinator and Church Administrator at the Church in the Acres in Springfield.

Rev. Martin will speak on "When Something Happens." Assisting him in worship leadership will be Jennie Oyola, who will lead the responsive reading.

The Bell Ringers of the church will offer special music under the direction of Everett Hodge. Greeters will be Edith Gottsche, Linda Scheve, and Leila Sullivan.

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During the summer months, children from kindergarten age through the third grade will be hearing stories and doing crafts focusing on the Old Testament during Children's Church time.

Nursery care is also available for babies through age four.

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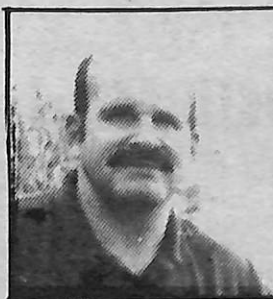
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On Saturday, August 15th, our youth and their leaders will take an all-day trip to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire.

Don't miss this one!

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.



Reflections...
submitted by
Rev. Peter Monahan
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How To Increase Your Faith

Lou Holtz, the former head coach of the Notre Dame football team, writes in *Winning Every Day* that the most important question each of us can ask of others is, "Can I trust you?" He correctly states that the foundation of every relationship is faith. Faith, between spouses, is what keeps marriages together. Faith, even between strangers, is what enables society to function. Without faith, relationships of any and all sorts cannot survive.

Not surprisingly, faith is the foundation of our relationship with God. The Bible says that **without faith it is impossible to please God**. Without faith, we cannot have a relationship at all with God, **for whoever would approach Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him**.

The Bible tells us that Abraham **believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness**. God desires a proper relationship with all people; such a relationship gives Him great pleasure. Jesus said, **It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom**. The Bible describes the kingdom of God as **righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**. The psalmist says, **The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all humankind**. Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Rev. Peter Monahan's "Reflections..." is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

Since faith is the foundation of our relationship with God, we should continually ask ourselves, "How can I increase my faith?" First, consider the object of your faith. If your faith is in anybody or anything but God, beware! God is the only being in the universe who is utterly faithworthy. Even if we are placing our faith in what God is doing, or what we hope He may do, our faith is misplaced. Our understanding of our circumstances is far from complete; we may not accurately perceive the events of our lives, as God does.

Secondly, we should pray for faith. When challenged with a seemingly impossible task, the apostles said to the Lord, **"Increase our faith!"** There is an unfortunate translation error in many modern Bibles of Romans 3:22, implying that our right relationship with God comes from *our* faith in Jesus. The correct translation, which appears in the King James Version, says our relationship with God comes from the faith *of* Jesus. The Bible tells us that from God's perspective, **there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood, effective through faith**. Since there is no distinction, each of us can have faith, no one is excluded! We should therefore pray every day that Jesus will pour His faith into us, in increasing measure.

Thirdly, we can exercise our faith. Regardless of how great or little our faith may be today, it won't grow or increase without exercise. God knows how much faith we have, and doesn't expect more of us than we are capable of. In truth, all of us have faith in somebody or something; otherwise we couldn't function. The question boils down to what or whom we have faith in. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. We can be winners every day, if we want to be.

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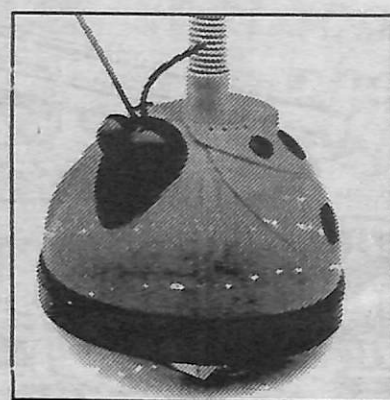
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Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, August 9th, is the 10th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service continues at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "An Act of Faith!" taken from Text: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16. His Children's Message will be: "You Can't See It!"

The Adult Education Classes will continue each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the air-conditioned church office, following the Worship Service. All are welcome to attend these classes.

The Summer Church School curriculum for church school ages pre-school through sixth grade continues. The program curriculum, "The Whole People of God," will be held downstairs each Sunday following the Children's Message, where there will be one class for all the children attending.

This program will run through the summer months. This week's class will be led by Neal Ellsworth.

Registration for Fall Church School begins this week. You may call the church office at 786-7111, or Dan Pender, Director of Christian Education/Youth Director, at 786-3129.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is bar soap.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

A baseball trip has been planned for Monday, August 24th, to see the New Britain Rock Cats vs the Trenton Red Sox. The grand slam family four-pack is available that night and includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four fountain sodas, and four boxes of popcorn for only \$29.

The prepaid deadline is August 10th. We will carpool to the game.

Contact Bill Martin, Dan Pender, or Rev. Curt Fuller at the church office, 786-7111, for more information.

Applications Being
Taken For Sacred
Heart's Tag Sale

Applications are now being accepted from craftspeople or those interested in having a tag sale for the Annual Tag/Craft Sale held in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

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Calendar Of News And Notes From
Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. The summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the 10th Sunday after Pentecost, are Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, and Luke 12:32-40. The Lector will be Connie Haynes.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "When All We Want Is Eternity."

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

This Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary.

If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

Also, volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry this Wednesday, August 12th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

Vacation Bible School will take place here on two more Sundays in August. Sessions will be held Sunday, August 16th, and again on August 23rd following Bible School. Please feel free to attend even if you have not signed up.

There are also many ways that adults or older children can help. Please speak to a member of the Board of Christian Education or use the posted sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall if you are interested in helping with or attending VBS for the next session on August 16th.

Things are being returned to their proper places as our renovations come to an end. Please speak to Bob Broga or Bob Marsh if you have some time to help sort things out.

The kitchen has plenty of room for you, so come on in!

On the calendar:

Thursday, August 6th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Sunday, August 9th: 9:15 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday.

Tuesday, August 11th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, August 12th: 12:00 noon, Desserts needed for Open Pantry.

Thursday, August 13th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Parish News & Events From St. John's Church

PARISH PICNIC — AUGUST 30TH

Time to mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic at the VFW grounds on the last Sunday of August.

Rudy Altobelli and Mariann Green will co-chair this year's event. There will be a meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday evening, July 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

If you have any suggestions for the 1998 Picnic, please let them know or call the Rectory. We hope this will be a good family celebration, blending generations of old and young to have fun together.

OVER-60 CLUB

The Club's trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, includes four shows: "Holiday Treasures," "Noah" at the Millelith Theatre, "Holiday Time" at the Living Waters, and "Jacob's Choice" at the Amish Experience Theatre, plus admission to Gettysburg, the Electric Map, and the Eisenhower

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD Registration for 1998-99: Come to the Parish Office during business hours. All registrations should be in by **September 1st** so the program can get off to a smooth start. *But the earlier the better.*

Child safety has led to a **New Schedule** for classes:

Grades 1-4 — **Saturday** morning, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (same).

Grades 5-7 — **Tuesday** evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

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Church News - continued...

Carmen A. Rizzo Is Pastor Of Grace Baptist Church

Grace Baptist Church, 475 Pine Street, Feeding Hills is pleased to announce that it has called Mr. Carmen A. Rizzo as Pastor.

Pastor Rizzo is a graduate of Heritage Baptist Institute of Easthampton, Mass., where he is also Professor of Church History, Biblical Studies, World Religions, and Biblical Greek.

Pastor Rizzo is married with three children, ages 16, 14, and 10. Pastor Rizzo describes his agenda for Grace Baptist Church in the following way, "I am committed to the declaration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the faithful preaching of the Holy Scriptures. Within that framework, I intend, with the people of Grace Baptist, to mold Grace into a church of the 90's."

"It is our desire to minister to the challenging needs, both spiritual and physical, that every family faces living in our present society. It is not easy raising a family today. There are so many obstructions and obstacles which so easily divert and dilute the family unit."

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Pastor Rizzo can be reached at the church on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. by phone at 821-0112 or walk-in.

Services at Grace Baptist Church are as follows: Sunday Morning Bible School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Full childcare is available at all services as well as nursery facilities for infants and preschool.

All youths are invited to participate in our Awana Club program. This club is an exciting and fun time for youths of all ages as we gather together on Friday evenings from September through May and enjoy games, Bible teaching, and refreshments.

Parents are invited as well, as our Friday evening adult program will focus on contemporary issues that concern us as parents and adults trying to survive in a difficult time.

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Do I Really Need Travel Insurance?

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Many of us plan our vacations up to one year in advance and do not foresee any reason that would cause a change of plans, such as a death in the family, a medical emergency, or an ongoing illness. The following is a list of the types of travel insurance you may want to consider at the time you plan your vacation.

Cancellation and emergency medical evacuation are the most important to buy, followed by delay, medical, and lost baggage coverage.

CANCELLATION

Cancellation insurance is probably the most used. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance usually cover claims for cancelled trips due to some of the following reasons:

Illness or injury of the client or traveling companion that requires treatment by a doctor who recommends the trip be cancelled; bankruptcy of a supplier resulting in "complete cessation" of services, strike, or "disaster" that results in the halting of air or tour operator services; layoff or firing of the traveler; jury duty and court-ordered appearances; burglary or destruction of the travelers home by fire or flood; terrorist incident in a foreign city prior to the arrival of the traveler, or a car wreck on the way to the airport.

What the insurance company pays the traveler depends on the policy, but it can include the amount of deposits or payments already made on the trip, the additional cost of accommodations if the rate rises above the original amount, additional travel cost to reach the destination, and the cost of accommodations while a traveling companion is stuck in the hospital.

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Everyone should buy travel cancellation insurance, regardless of the cost of your trip, unless you can afford to lost that amount of money.

Next week, I will discuss additional types of trip insurance and why you need it.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding travel, you can write to Lori Keeley, Travel Connections, LTC, 10 Chestnut Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. Thanks for reading *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

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CARL G. IPPOLITO (above) at the workbench of his music repair shop, "Bay State Instrument Repair," which opened recently at 525-0 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (in The Corner Shops).

Carl G. Ippolito Opens "Bay State Instrument Repair" At The Corner Shops In Feeding Hills

Carl G. Ippolito has announced the opening of Bay State Instrument Repair in Feeding Hills.

The shop currently specializes in the repair of brass and woodwind musical instruments. Ippolito plans to offer additional services in the future.

In the fall, the shop will offer school band instrument rentals, and over the course of the summer accessories for musical instruments have been sold.

Ippolito, who has been in the music repair business for over 15 years, recently decided to open his own repair shop. Prior to the opening of his store, Ippolito worked as a repair tech and store manager for 13 years. He has also worked at repairing instruments for professional musicians and students.

The 30-year West Springfield resident graduated from that town's high school in 1973 and attended Holyoke Community College for Music Education. He continued his education at the Eastern School of Musical Instrument Repairs in Union, New Jersey.

His father, also a West Springfield resident, is a musician and worked in the music industry for many years. His grandfather was a trumpet player, composer, and conductor in the New York and New Jersey areas. He also played with the NBC Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Arturo Toscanini.

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COMMON SENSE

with
Raymond Rose
THE PIONEER GROUP

Basic Money Management Mistakes

This week, let's review the more common mistakes that I regularly see in personal money management. I strongly urge you to review each area in depth to see if any of them apply to you. Rate each one on a scale of 1-10 (number 1 being your weak point ... number 10 being your best).

Once you have identified the area that needs the most attention, set a goal to eliminate that problem ... NOW. Make a "To Do List" of your specific plan ... review the plan with all parties involved ... and begin the process, checking your progress on a weekly basis. Don't stop until you have accomplished your goal.

Personal money management is something that EVERYONE is involved in ... it's only a matter of if you decide to do it well OR poorly ... it's entirely your decision.

HERE'S MY LIST...

- **Only one family member is involved in financial affairs** ... Give one spouse ultimate responsibility for making the daily decisions ... but both should always be involved with the annual and long-term financial planning. Your goals will be easier to attain when everyone in the family is pulling in the same direction.
- **Your goals are not written down on paper where they can be reviewed on a constant basis** ... Having them "in your head" is not good enough. Put a priority rating and dollar amount on each goal ... review them regularly.
- **You have no family budget** ... I'm amazed at the amount of income that some families earn ... yet they always tell me they don't know where their money goes. Spend a week and jot down on a note every time you spend your money ... analyze the results at the end of the week. Remember, it's not how much you earn ... it's how you spend it.
- **The family has no excess liability (umbrella) insurance** ... For only several hundred dollars per year, the average family can get \$1,000,000 in excess liability coverage. It could be one of the wisest investments you ever make. Be sure to contact your insurance agent.
- **The contents of your home are not insured up to their replacement value** ... To maintain your

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standard of living, annual premiums are typically very inexpensive to cover almost everything you own. Discuss exceptions with your insurance agent.

• **There is not enough liquidity in your savings to handle emergencies or opportunities** ... Create an emergency fund which should contain an amount equal to six months of expense money. Use your budget to arrive at an exact figure.

• **Many families have not taken the time to fully understand the long-term investment rewards of the securities markets (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.)** Take some time to go to your local library ... listen to audio cassette tapes ... watch videos ... and read books on the simple steps that you take to participate in these markets. Learn how to minimize your risks and maximize your rewards ... you'll be shocked on how these areas can greatly increase your net worth.

• **The family does not fully understand their employee benefits** ... I regularly speak to people that don't participate in their company's 401K plan ... or if they do, they contribute a minimal amount. I suggest taking an active role in controlling the direction of your funds. Review all options and plot all possibilities. In most cases, this one area can be one of the top means of acquiring a substantial nest egg for retirement, school funds, purchasing a home, a medical emergency, and more ... **BE INVOLVED!**

• **Your family has not drawn up a will, trusts, durable power of attorney, Homestead Act, etc** ... Don't be afraid of preparing this important information ... I see too many families reacting when it's too late.

• **Tax planning** ... Some families make no tax projections for the upcoming year, and thus have no strategies in place ... and on the other hand, some families spend too much time on tax reduction, and not enough time on concentrating on accumulating wealth for their retirement/special needs.

There's my list of problem areas ... do any of them sound familiar? Cut out this column and post it on your refrigerator. Set your goals and get to work ... you'll be amazed at how easy they are to accomplish.

Remember, "THE WORLD HATES CHANGE ... BUT IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT BRINGS PROGRESS!"

Ray Rose of THE PIONEER GROUP can be reached by phone, 413-731-6800; voice mail, 413-846-0961; or fax, 413-731-6881. THE PIONEER GROUP is the area's number one buyer's agent.

The PIONEER GROUP To Hold Free Workshop

The offices of The PIONEER GROUP are sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You."

It will be held Saturday morning, August 15th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:45 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up home buyers; understanding points and closing costs, and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company, and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of The PIONEER GROUP, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested (their last seminar was filled to capacity). For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

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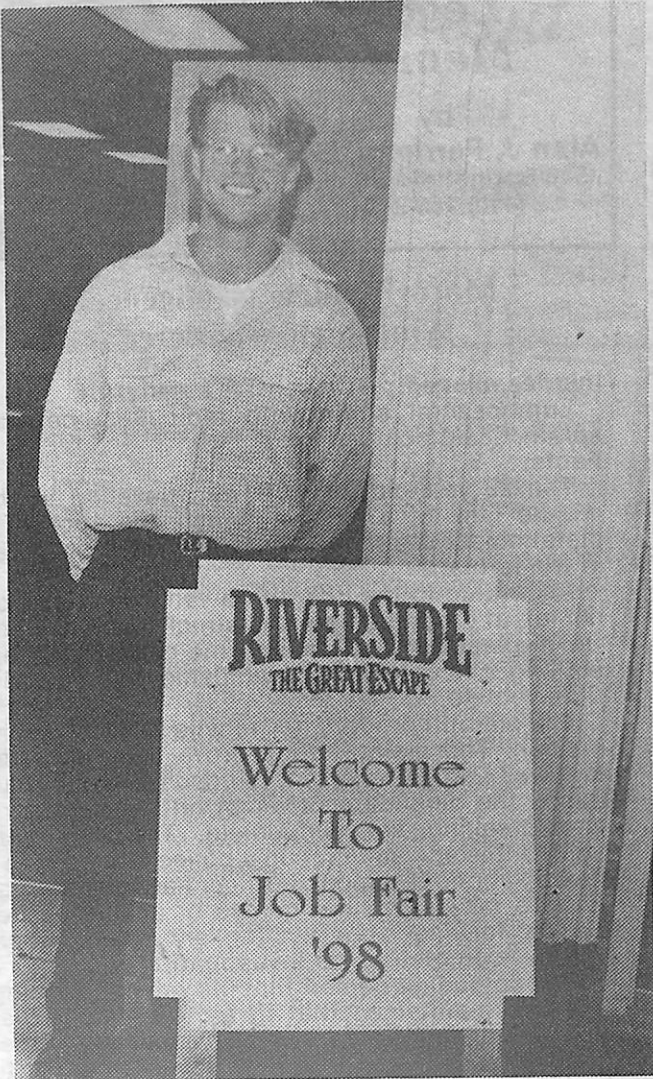
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Riverside Conducts "Job Fair '98"...



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AT RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK'S "Job Fair '98" (from left to right): Dorothy A. Piteo, Administrative Assistant to the park's General Manager; Deb Moriarty, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources; and Jen Strniste, Administrative Assistant, Rides Department. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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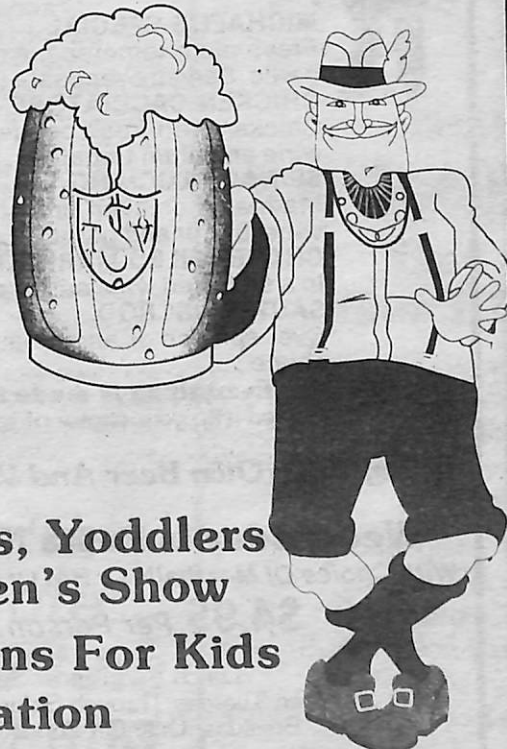
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Pam Savioli****Landry, Lyons &
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Homes & Gardens****What Is Title Insurance???**

Title insurance protects the mortgage lender and homeowner against a loss of property due to defective titles, liens, or encumbrances. There are two types of title insurance a potential homeowner should be familiar with.

The first is lender's title insurance, which is usually required by the company that will be holding the mortgage on the home. If the down payment on the home is less than 10 percent, title insurance may be mandatory. Only the mortgage lender is protected from loss by lender's title insurance. Policies are usually issued in the amount of the mortgage and decrease as the loan is paid off.

Owner's title insurance is the other type; it protects the homeowner and is generally issued in the amount of the real estate purchase. Coverage will remain in effect as long as the insured party or his heirs retain an interest in the property.

The process of obtaining title insurance begins with a title search. The search will go back at least 60 years to determine the chain of title on the property. Public records will be examined, and the results will appear in an abstract of title, which is a complete historical summary of all recorded documents affecting the title of a property. A statement regarding the status of the property's title will then be issued.

Title insurance covers all the damages and legal fees involved in defending a claim against your title. Claims may be made as a result of defects in public records such as forged documents, incorrect marital statements, etc. Should you lose the right to your title, your insurance company will reimburse you for the purchase price of your home.

The premium for the title insurance policy is a one-time payment, most of which goes toward the cost of the title search, and is paid at closing. For most homeowners, the cost of title insurance is small in comparison to the security of ownership it provides.

If you have any questions regarding any real estate matter, please call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

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Kathryn M. Ayre Awarded Real Estate Mgrs. Certification

Kathryn M. Ayre, a broker-owner of Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc., has been awarded the coveted CRB (Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager) designation conferred by the Real Estate Brokerage Managers Council.

The Real Estate Brokerage Managers Council, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors, is the professional organization for brokerage management. The council is dedicated to providing quality education programs, information, products, and services that continually enhance the management productivity and profitability of its more than 7,000 members.

The CRB designation is recognized throughout the industry as the highest level of professional achievement — a symbol of excellence in brokerage management. The most successful brokerages are owned or managed by professionals having the coveted CRB designation.

The council awards the CRB designation to those individuals who successfully complete the requirements and demonstrate excellence in real estate brokerage management. Candidates must complete academic and professional courses covering such topics as finance, marketing, training, recruiting, and strategic planning.

Ayre is a real estate brokerage owner for Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc., at 701 Main Street, Agawam. A member of the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors and the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, she is also a currently active member of the Agawam Rotary Club and a past president of the Rotary Club.

Ayre is a member of the Professional Standards Committee of the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce. She has been involved with the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, the March of Dimes, and the MSPCC.

The Real Estate Brokerage Managers Council is the national professional organization for real estate brokerage managers. The council produces and sponsors state-of-the-art educational management courses in strategic planning, finance, marketing training, and recruitment.

In addition, the managers council provides special programs, publications, products, and services to further enhance the professional expertise of its membership.

For copies of his photos in this edition, call Jack Devine at 789-0053.

**Legal
Memo**

by

Alan J. Ferrigno, Esq.
546 Springfield St., F.H.
(413) 786-9454**Motor Vehicle Negligence:
Windshield Shattered****Injuries alleged:**

Lumbosacral strain with radiculitis, cervical sprain, scalp contusion.

Facts:

The 29 year-old plaintiff was traveling in the middle lane of a highway when she spotted a metal object she thought was a piece of guardrail in the left lane.

According to the plaintiff, a van passed her on her left at the same time and struck the metal. The van's alleged action caused the metal to fly up, striking, and cracking the windshield of the plaintiff's vehicle.

The plaintiff brought her vehicle to a stop in the median. The plaintiff then drove back onto the highway and found a van, flagged it over, and accused the defendant driver of hitting the debris and breaking her windshield. The defendant denied this and summoned a police officer from a nearby phone. The police officer had time enough only to take down the names of all the parties before leaving abruptly for another accident without completing his investigation.

The defendant denied that his van hit anything. He also maintained that if, as the plaintiff had testified at deposition, she had remained stopped after the accident for four to seven minutes, he would have been more than four to seven miles away from the accident by the time plaintiff started to chase him. The defendant also pointed out that the plaintiff could recall no distinctive features of the van at the time of the accident.

In the Superior Court trial, the plaintiff testified that this four to seven minute interval was only a "couple of seconds." This impaired her credibility as did the refusal to admit to a previous auto accident and complaints of back pain even after being shown a certified medical record of prior hospital treatment. She was also unable to explain numerous discrepancies between her trial testimony and testimony she had given at disposition.

Although she had a demand for \$15,000 due to her claim to have sustained soft tissue back and neck injuries, the District Court judge awarded her \$12,000 plus interest and costs of medical expenses for \$4,270 and \$8,000 for lost wages. The highest offer had only been for \$500.

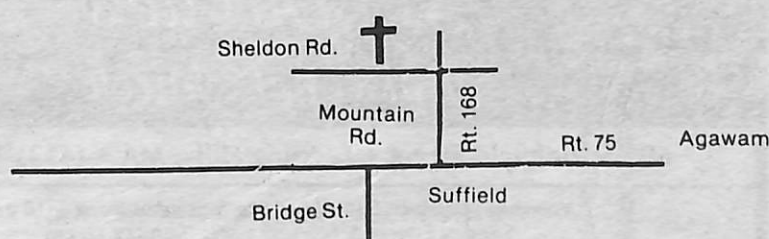
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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Raising Children As Vegetarians: Planning & Variety Are The Keys

More easily accessible food choices, environmental concerns, social acceptance of lifestyles once considered unusual - all of these factors and more can contribute to a family's decision to raise children following a vegetarian eating style.

And with the subject of meatless, plant-based diets for even very young children cropping up regularly in the news and in public debate, parents may be wondering, Can it be done? Is it possible to raise a child as a vegetarian? Can children's growing bodies meet their needs for nutrition and calories without meat or dairy products?

According to experts with the American Dietetic Association (ADA), the answer is, with careful planning, yes.

"Vegetarian diets can be healthful for people of all ages," says Julie Covington, a Gastonia, N.C. registered dietitian and chair of ADA's vegetarian nutrition practice group. "The toddler and preschool years particularly are important for developing healthy eating patterns that can establish a foundation for a healthful adult diet."

"Research shows a carefully planned vegetarian diet can be nutritionally adequate and healthful for children from infants to teenagers."

That's true, she says for both the lacto-ovo-vegetarian eating pattern, based on grains, vegetables, fruits, legumes, seeds, nuts, dairy products, and eggs; and the vegan pattern, which excludes eggs, dairy, and other animal products.

"With planning, it isn't difficult to provide a child with a healthy, well-balanced vegetarian diet," says Tammy Baker, a Phoenix registered dietitian and spokesperson for ADA.

"You can have meals and snacks that don't include meat products. It can be a balanced diet and it can be fun."

"But planning is the key," Baker says. "Anytime you're excluding food groups, you have to be more careful to make sure you're still getting all the nutrients you need."

Like all children, vegetarians need enough food variety and energy - in the form of calories - to fuel their rapid growth and provide for their high nutrient needs.

"A vegetarian diet, like any other, has the potential to be healthful or unhealthful," Covington says. "You're looking for variety."

ADA's vegetarian nutrition practice group offers parents practical advice for helping vegetarian children meet their nutritional needs in healthful and tasty ways:

- **Calories and fat:** Vegetarian children's diets sometimes tend to be high in fiber, filling their stomachs but making it difficult for them to consume the levels of energy they need. Avocados, nuts, seeds, dried fruits, and soy products can provide concentrated sources of calories.

- **Protein:** Protein needs generally can be met by eating a variety of plant foods and having an adequate intake of calories. Foods high in protein include legumes, grains, soy products, nuts, dairy products, and eggs. Grains such as rice, pasta, breads, and cereals provide the same protein.

- **Calcium:** Good sources of calcium, especially for vegans, include calcium-fortified soy and rice milks and orange juice, tofu, and dark green leafy vegetables.

- **Vitamin D:** Children regularly exposed to appropriate levels of sunlight - 20 to 30 minutes per day on the hands and face, two to three times per week - apparently have no dietary requirement for vitamin D. Children with darker skin or who have limited exposure to sunlight may require vitamin supplements. Dietary sources of vitamin D include fortified cow's milk, some brands of soy or

rice milk, and most dry cereals.

- **Iron:** Iron-deficiency anemia is the most common childhood nutritional problem, but it's no more likely to occur in vegetarian children than non-vegetarians. Good sources of iron include whole or enriched grains, iron-fortified cereals, legumes, green leafy vegetables, and dried fruits.

- **Vitamin B-12:** Veg children should eat foods fortified with vitamin B-12, including fortified soy milk, fortified nutritional yeast, and some breakfast cereals.

- **Zinc:** Sources include legumes, hard cheeses, whole grain products, wheat germs, nuts, and tofu.

Changing social attitudes and the growing acceptance of vegetarian lifestyles have made it much easier to raise families on plant-based diets, Baker says.

"I am getting more questions lately from parents on how to raise children as vegetarians, particularly Generation X'ers. Their desire seems to be based largely on concerns about the environment."

And as consumers have begun to seek a wider variety of products, grocery stores, and supermarkets have responded with greater selections. "Beans and legumes and tofu are much more mainstream than used to be," Baker says.

Of course, children being children - vegetarian or not - means they can be picky eaters. To try to overcome this natural tendency, ADA offers some recommendations:

- **Offer choices of foods:** Letting the child make some decisions can increase the acceptance of foods.

- **Make foods fun:** Make pancakes in different shapes or with faces made from fruit; offer vegetables and dips; hide small pieces of fruit in yogurt.

- **Set a good example:** Let children see you eating healthy foods.

- **Involve the child in food preparation:** Young toddlers can tear up lettuce and put pieces of vegetables into a pot. Older preschoolers can wash vegetables, stir a fruit salad, and help measure dry ingredients.

- **Keep mealtimes pleasant:** Don't force a child to eat or use food as a reward. Try to stay calm about food refusals.

Parents seeking more information about raising their children as vegetarians can turn to resources available at the American Dietetic Association.

The ADA's Consumer Nutrition Hotline offers recorded food and nutrition messages and referrals to registered dietitians who offer individual and group nutrition counseling services. The number is 1-800-366-1655.

The ADA's web site, www.eatright.org, also offers consumer tips and a wealth of timely and practical food and nutrition information.

The Chicago-based ADA is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. With nearly 70,000 members, ADA serves the public by promoting nutrition, health, and well-being.



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph
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Chiropractic Offices
192 Shoemaker Lane
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Chiropractic - Preventive Medicine

People are often amazed to learn that not everyone in my waiting room is in pain. Indeed, there are several types of chiropractic care.

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With your ache or pain reduced, the goal of rehabilitative care is for more complete healing to occur. Underlying muscle and soft tissue improvements are slow to evolve. Even though you are feeling better, continuing care is important. At this stage, visit frequency is often reduced. You may be asked to do exercises or supplement your diet.

Perhaps your problem took most of your lifetime to develop. You job, hobbies, or sports interests may continually stress and strain your spine. After recovery or improvement of your original problem, regular chiropractic checkups can help preserve your progress.

Periodic visits can help catch little problems before they become major concerns. Wellness-minded people choose this care to feel and function the best they can. Like other preventive measures, a chiropractic lifestyle can save time and money by helping you stay well.

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Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, August 19th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic of discussion at this meeting will be announced.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, August 25th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Reed Shneider, M.D., a Board Certified Cardiologist at Noble Hospital, will be the speaker at this meeting.

COURSES/PROGRAMS:

CPR Course: Wednesdays, August 19th and 26th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's Education Department/Ground Floor.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, August 20th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic, athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Cancer Support Group At Mercy Hospital

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group.

Meetings are conducted Mondays, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center, and are free of charge.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Support For Parents Of Kids With Substance Abuse Problems

Providence Hospital offers a weekly support group for parents of children with drug or alcohol abuse problems. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the hospital (located at 1233 Main Street, Holyoke).

The meetings provide an opportunity for parents whose children are currently involved with substance abuse, or have been in the past, to share ideas on how to deal with the problem. There is no charge for the sessions.

The substance abuse services of Providence Hospital are part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare. For information on the support group, call Karen Walsh Pio, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., Director, Outpatient Counseling Services, at (413) 493-2032.

Infant/Child CPR Program At Mercy Hospital On Aug. 15th

An Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) program sponsored by the Family Life Center for Maternity at Mercy Hospital will take place Saturday, August 15th, in the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

Two sessions are scheduled: the first from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and the second from 1:15-5:00 p.m.

The program, which includes choking intervention, is recommended for parents, parents-to-be, grandparents, and childcare providers. Participants will meet American Heart Association CPR certification requirements.

The cost is \$30 per couple and \$20 per person, and registration is required. For more information, call (413) 748-7295.

Mercy Hospital Has Series For Newly Diagnosed Diabetics

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from a four-part educational series being conducted in August at Mercy Hospital.

The free series will take place August 10th-13th, 2:30-3:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital, 299 Carew St. Sessions will provide an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required; call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024.

Free Smoking Cessation Program At Providence Hosp.

Providence Hospital is introducing a free smoking cessation program for those interested in kicking the habit.

The program is open to the community and includes individual counseling, group support meetings, cessation groups, educational and motivational programs, and a free one-week supply of nicotine patches or nicotine gum. Funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Tobacco Control Project, the program is available on the Mercy Hospital and Providence Hospital campuses, and can also be brought to other sites, including community and corporate locations.

Heading up the new effort is Joseph Gorey, who comes to Providence Hospital, part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare, with an extensive background in tobacco control programs, most recently with Athol Memorial Hospital and Stop Smoking Clinics, Inc.

According to Gorey, approximately 25 percent of Americans smoke, and an estimated 3,000 children become addicted to tobacco each day. He also says that people who have tried to quit before and failed shouldn't be discouraged.

For more information, call (413) 535-1000 or (413) 493-2039 to leave a message.

Local Meetings Dealing With Mental Illness Issues

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts, Inc. has announced the following groups which are free and open to the public.

For Those With Depression and Manic Depression-Westfield: 20 Broad, Street, Westfield. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 p.m.

For Adult Siblings and Adult Children of those with Mental Illness: AMI-WM Office, 717½ Main Street, Agawam. Meets second Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For Adults with a Mentally Ill Relative-Agawam: Agawam Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. Meets Last Monday of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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Arts

STAGE's "Prince & The Pauper" To Debut This Weekend

"The Prince and the Pauper," Mark Twain's classic tale of switched identities, has been adapted for STAGE by Lyle Pearsons. It will be presented August 7th and 8th at 7:30 p.m., and August 8th and 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

This play tells the story of young Tom Canty (Jim Lewin of Agawam) and Prince Edward VI (Doug Duquette of Longmeadow) who change clothes to experience each other's lives for just a moment through a strange set of circumstances. The prince is banished from the castle, and Tom takes his place. Each find that the other's life is not what he thought it was, and they set out to get back their own identities.

"The Prince and the Pauper" takes place in 1500's London and is resplendent with period authenticity in both set and costumes. Forty-one area young people from the surrounding towns will be featured in this production.

Friday evening's performance is already sold out. Tickets are \$5 to all performances, and reservations are suggested by calling (413) 789-2026.

Don't miss this chance to experience "Merry Olde England" in the time of King Henry VIII!

The Box-Office Hit "Grease" To Be Shown At Vets' Green

As part of the Town's ongoing summer entertainment series, the movie "Grease" will be shown in a drive-in style presentation, Saturday, August 8th at the Veterans' Green in front of Phelps School.

"Grease" is rated PG and stars John Travolta and Olivia Newton John. The movie recently celebrated its 20th anniversary and holds the record for the highest grossing musical of all time.

Pre-movie entertainment will start at about 7:30 and all attendees are encouraged to dress warm. In the event of rain, the movie will be rescheduled to Saturday, August 15th.

The night's events are sponsored by the Agawam Chamber of Commerce with additional funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The summer series is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and Rotary Club.

For more information, call the Rotary Club at 789-7393.

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SARAH BROWN (second from right), who is visiting the Goulding family of Suffield from Wales, England, assists STAGE cast members with their English accents during a rehearsal of "The Prince and the Pauper," to be produced at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills on August 7th, 8th, and 9th. STAGE's Melody Serafino, Elissa Wood, Erik Goulding, and Kristy Goulding console a distraught King Henry VIII (Tim Eberle) in this new adaptation of Mark Twain's classic by local playwright Lyle Pearsons. For more information and reservations, call (413) 789-2026.

"The Wind" To Perform At The Majestic Theater

Local rock band "The Wind" will be celebrating the release of its first CD "Walking on Clouds" with two performances at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield on August 14th and 15th at 7:30 p.m.

The group will play several numbers from the disc as well as other original material. Joining them will be guest performers from "The Buddy Holly Story," which was staged at the Majestic in 1997 and 1998, and featured guitarists Aaron Porchelli and Doug Wallace of "The Wind."

Tickets for the shows are \$12 or \$20 (including a CD), and can be purchased by calling the Majestic Theater box office at (413) 747-7797.

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"Love Letters" To Be Presented By The Theater Project

A.R. Gurney's award-winning play, "Love Letters," a presentation of The Theater Project, will be staged on August 7th and 8th at 8:00 p.m. at the Majestic Theater, according to Producing Director Danny Eaton.

The two-character play focuses on a man and woman, formerly high school sweethearts whose lives took separate paths, and their shared correspondence into adulthood. WGGB/News 40's Dave Madsen and Kathy Tobin are set to star in this play. Madsen and Tobin have performed the work previously, for a charitable event, and look forward to reprising their roles. "The toughest part was doing it that first night," says Madsen. "It's easier after that, and we're really looking forward to it."

Tickets for this special guest artist performance of "Love Letters" are \$12, and can be purchased by calling the box office at the Majestic Theater at (413) 747-7797.

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American Heart Association Recipes

The American Heart Association recommends the following recipes as part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day - not for each food or recipe.

Summertime Soup

- 1 small ripe cantaloupe, peeled, seeded, and cubed
- 2 large ripe mangoes, peeled, pitted, and cubed
- 2 medium peaches, peeled, pitted and cubed
- 3 cups fresh or frozen unsweetened strawberries (about 16 oz.)
- ½ cup plain nonfat or low-fat yogurt
- ½ cup frozen orange juice concentrate
- ½ cup port
- 2 tablespoons orange liqueur
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- ½ teaspoon raspberry vinegar
- ½ cup plain nonfat or low-fat yogurt, well chilled

Place all ingredients except ½ cup yogurt in a food processor. Process until thick and creamy. Pour into a serving bowl and freeze for about 20 minutes.

Spoon into individual bowls and top each serving with a heaping teaspoon of yogurt. Serve immediately.

Serves 7.

Nutrient Analysis Per Serving

174 kcal Calories; 4 gm Protein; 37 gm Carbohydrate; 1 mg Cholesterol; 38 mg Sodium; 1 gm Total Fat; 0 gm Saturated Fat; 0 gm Polyunsaturated Fat; 0 gm Monounsaturated Fat.

Mesquite-Grilled Red Snapper

(With Gingerbread Black Bean Salsa)

Salsa:

- Vegetable oil spray
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped carrot
- 1 to 2 jalapeno peppers, chopped*
- 2 tablespoons peeled and finely chopped gingerroot
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced, or 1 to 1½ teaspoons bottled minced garlic
- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained, reserving 3 tablespoons liquid
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1 pound red snapper fillets (about ½-inch thick)

At least 1 hour before cooking, soak 4 to 6 mesquite wood chunks in enough water to cover. Lightly spray grill rack with vegetable oil spray. Set aside. Prepare grill.

For salsa, spray a medium saucepan with vegetable oil spray. Cook onion, carrot, jalapeno peppers, gingerroot, and garlic over medium-low heat for about 5 minutes, or until onion is tender.

Stir black beans, reserved bean liquid, and salt into onion mixture. Cook over medium-low heat about 1 to 2 minutes, or until heated through. Stir in tomato.

Meanwhile, drain wood chunks. Place wood chunks directly on medium-hot coals. Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towels. Place fish on prepared rack. Grill on an uncovered grill directly over medium-hot coals for 5 minutes. Turn and grill for 5 to 7 minutes, or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Place fish on serving plates. Serve with salsa.

Serves 4.

* Not chili peppers contain oils that can burn your skin, lips, and eyes. Wear rubber gloves or wash your hands thoroughly with warm, soapy water immediately after handling peppers.

Nutrient Analysis Per Serving

232 kcal Calories; 29 gm Protein; 25 gm Carbohydrate; 60 mg Cholesterol; 455 mg Sodium; 2 gm Total Fat; 0 gm Saturated Fat; 1 gm Polyunsaturated Fat; 0 gm Monounsaturated Fat

Mango Brulee

(With Pine Nuts)

- 2 cups cubed fresh mango, papaya, or peaches (about 3 mangoes, 2 medium papayas, or 4 medium peaches)
- ¾ cup nonfat or low-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- Preheat broiler. Place fruit in the bottom of a 9-inch pie pan.

Stir sour cream and dollop over fruit. Use the back of a spoon to spread sour cream evenly.

Sprinkle with pine nuts and brown sugar.

Broil 4 to 6 inches from the heat for 1 to 2 minutes, or until sugar melts and pine nuts toast (watch nuts closely to avoid burning). Serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Nutrient Analysis Per Serving

128 kcal Calories
25 gm Carbohydrate
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4 gm Protein
1 mg Cholesterol
3 gm Total Fat
1 gm Polyunsaturated Fat

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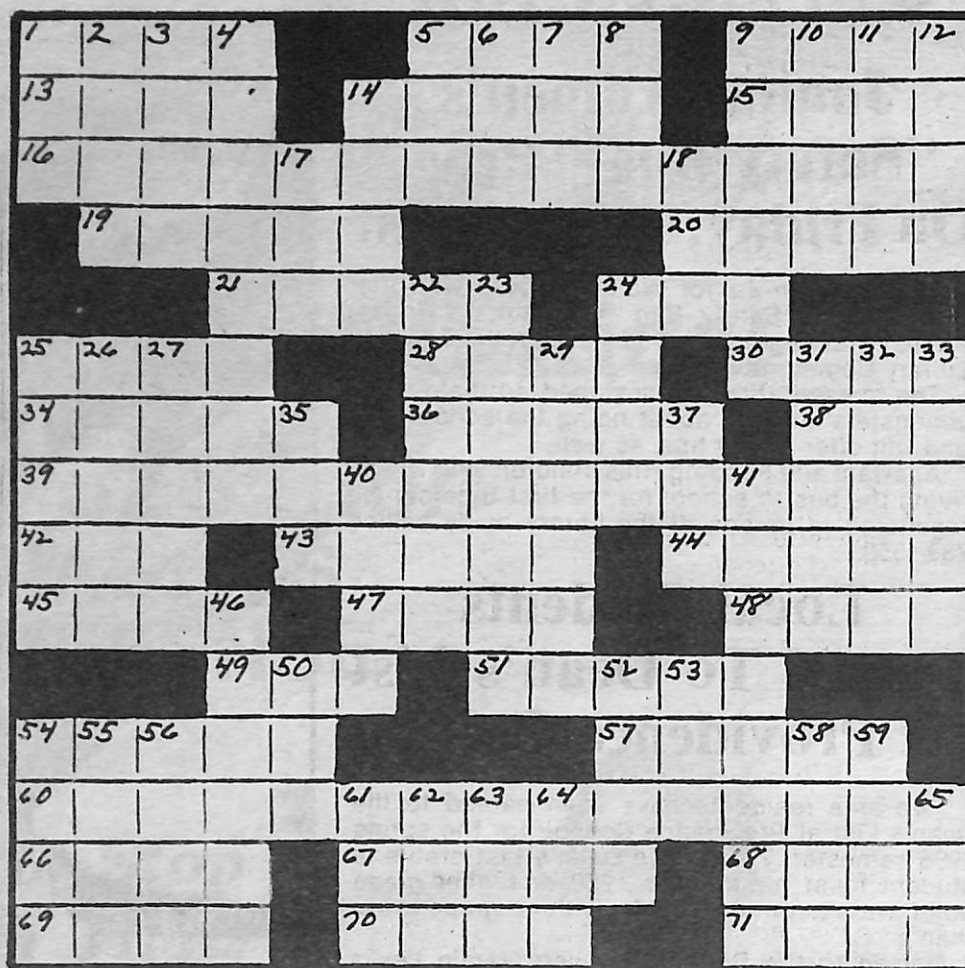
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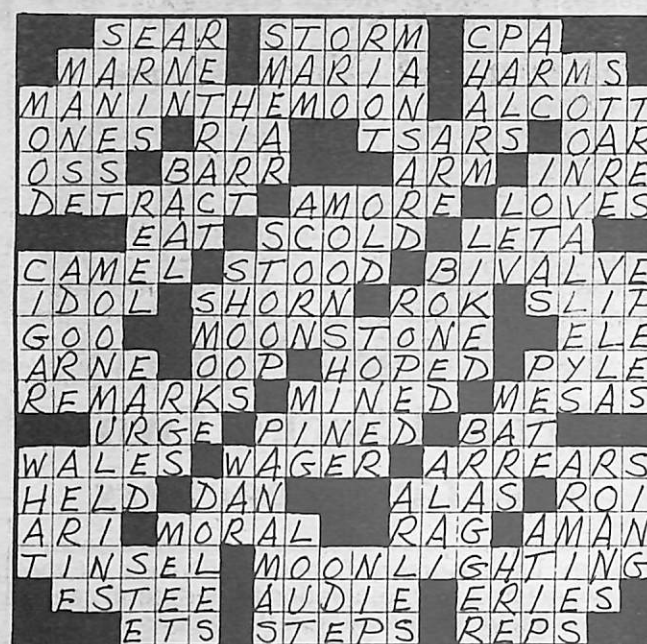
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Suffield Players To Hold Auditions For Fall Production Of "Arsenic And Old Lace"

Suffield: The Suffield Players will hold auditions for their fall production of Joseph Kesselring's murder/comedy classic, "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE" on August 16th and 17th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Ave., in Suffield.

There are roles for three women and 11 men.

ages 25 to 65. Show dates will be October 8th, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th.

Scripts are available for review at Kent Library in Suffield. For more information, call directors Dale Facey at 413-567-8422 or Ed Gogulski at 860-668-0745.

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Education

Junior Women's "Safety Bug" Prog. On Friday, August 21st

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will offer their annual "Safety Bug" program on Friday, August 21st beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Agawam Library Community Room.

The presentation is designed to help ease youngsters' anxiety about riding the school bus, and will offer safety tips, as well.

Agawam and Feeding Hills children who will be riding the bus to school for the first time can be registered in person at the library or by calling 789-1550.

Local Students Named To Dean's List At Providence College

Two area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the spring 1998 semester. To achieve Dean's List status, a student must maintain a 3.250 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, with no grade lower than a "C."

Named to the Dean's List were Jamie Lewis (1998), 28 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, and John Higgins III (2000), 14 E Castle Hills, Agawam.

Providence College is the only college or university in North America administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholica, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 3,600 students, and offers degrees in 39 academic majors.

"U.S. News and World Report" ranked Providence College number one among regional colleges and universities in the north in its 1998 edition of "America's Best Colleges."

The College was also cited as one of the top 15 best buys in the Northeast in "Money" Magazine's most-recent annual value rankings.

Perry Lane Nursery School Seeks Two Assistant Teachers

Perry Lane Nursery School (a division of the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department) seeks two assistant teachers for part-time positions.

Positions will assist the teacher with observations, staff development, and curriculum. Morning and afternoon hours are available during the school year commencing September 1, 1998.

Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent; OCCS qualifications a plus. Hourly wage for these part-time, assistant teacher positions is \$6.78 per hour.

Qualified applicants please apply to: Personnel Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam no later than August 14, 1998.

The Town of Agawam is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community.



JAMES H. CHANDLER (center) poses with his parents and grandparents at his graduation from the University of Nevada.

James H. Chandler Earns Criminal Justice Degree From University Of Nevada

James H. Chandler, 23, a native of Agawam, has received a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nevada.

Chandler is the son of Randy and Susan

(Chandler) Kohlieber of Lancaster, California and the grandson of Jim and Jan Chandler, formerly of Agawam and Lake Nacimiento, California, who now reside in West Springfield.

"Women Exploring Photography" Being Offered At Westfield State College

Women of all ages can explore the art and science of photography in a new three-session course from Westfield State College's Lifelong Learning Credit-Free program.

The class entitled "Women Exploring Photography" will be held on Wednesday, August 19th and 26th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, August 22nd from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Photographing, developing, and postproduction will be taught, and each student will create a portfolio.

Instructor Karen Rowell will lead the class for a

photo shoot in Stanley Park. Models, lighting techniques, and more will be used to enhance these finished products. The work of great women photographers will be discussed in hopes of developing a broader interest and knowledge in this field.

The cost of this course is \$125 (including most supplies). Registration is limited in this hands-on course. For registration and information, call John at 572-8034.

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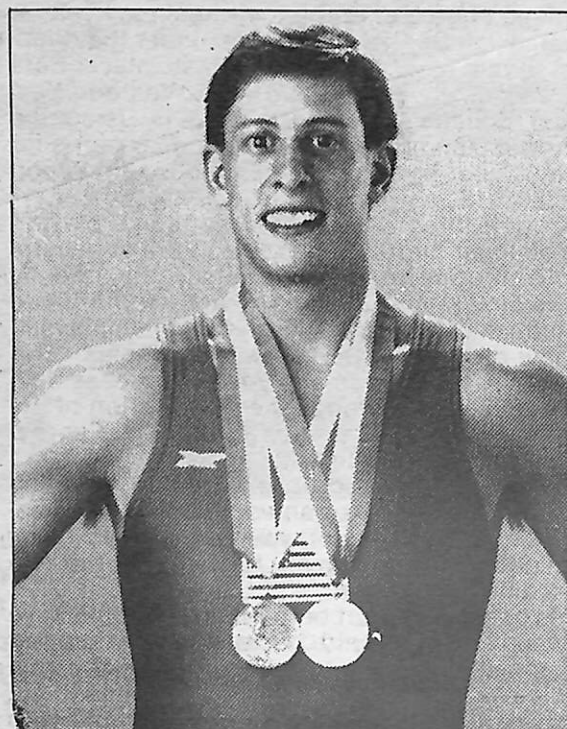
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Sports

Summer Hoop A Major Success For AAA Girls

Summer basketball is flourishing in Agawam in 1998 as four teams from the Agawam Athletic Association are participating and playing well in the Girls' Suburban Basketball League.

Although the AAA has always been a member of the Girls' Suburban Summer League, President Bob Hersey this year expanded the number of teams to the hot weather circuit to accommodate the growing ranks of girls who are interested in trying out and playing for an AAA-sponsored team once the regular 1998-1999 season gets underway in late November.

One of the four representative teams from the AAA currently playing on the summer circuit is comprised of girls entering their freshman year at Agawam High School. This team, under the direction of former AHS All-Western Mass. player Sara Cote (and now a member of the Western New England College women's varsity) is using the summer season to continue their preparations for late November tryouts for the various girls' hoop teams at AHS.

The other three AAA-sponsored teams playing in the summer circuit include two fifth- and sixth-grade teams (one coached by Hersey, the other by Scott Skolnick) and a seventh- and eighth-grade team (coached by Ric Sardella - this team plays in the same division as the ninth-grade team).

Further testimony to the AAA's success this summer has come through the cooperation of the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department. Parks & Rec. Director Mary Keller has allowed the AAA to use the two new outside basketball courts each Tuesday night for home games. On a typical Tuesday evening, the two younger teams play simultaneously at 6:00 p.m., followed by the two older teams at 7:00 p.m.

"This has worked out better than we could have imagined," Hersey said. "The parental support and interest has been tremendous. For the first time, we can play summer basketball games in our own town. The teams from around the area who have played here are impressed with the facility and I wish to thank Mary Keller and the Town of Agawam for giving us this opportunity," Hersey said.

Officials from the Girls' Suburban Basketball League are equally delighted with the addition of Agawam as a summer site. In fact, the first ever end-of-the-season "Girls' Suburban League Summer Jamboree" will be hosted by the AAA on Saturday, August 15th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Teams in the fifth- and sixth-grade division will play two, 30-minute games (running time) and teams in the seventh- and eighth-grade division will play three games (using the same format) during the course of the day.

"Our relationship with the Suburban Basketball League, both boys and girls, has been excellent over the years and we are proud Agawam is the site for the Jamboree," Hersey said.

Girls and boys from grades four through eight are eligible to play for the AAA. Tryouts are held in the fall. Last year, the AAA had two fifth/sixth-grade girls' teams and two seventh/eighth-grade teams participating in the Suburban Basketball League and the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) League.

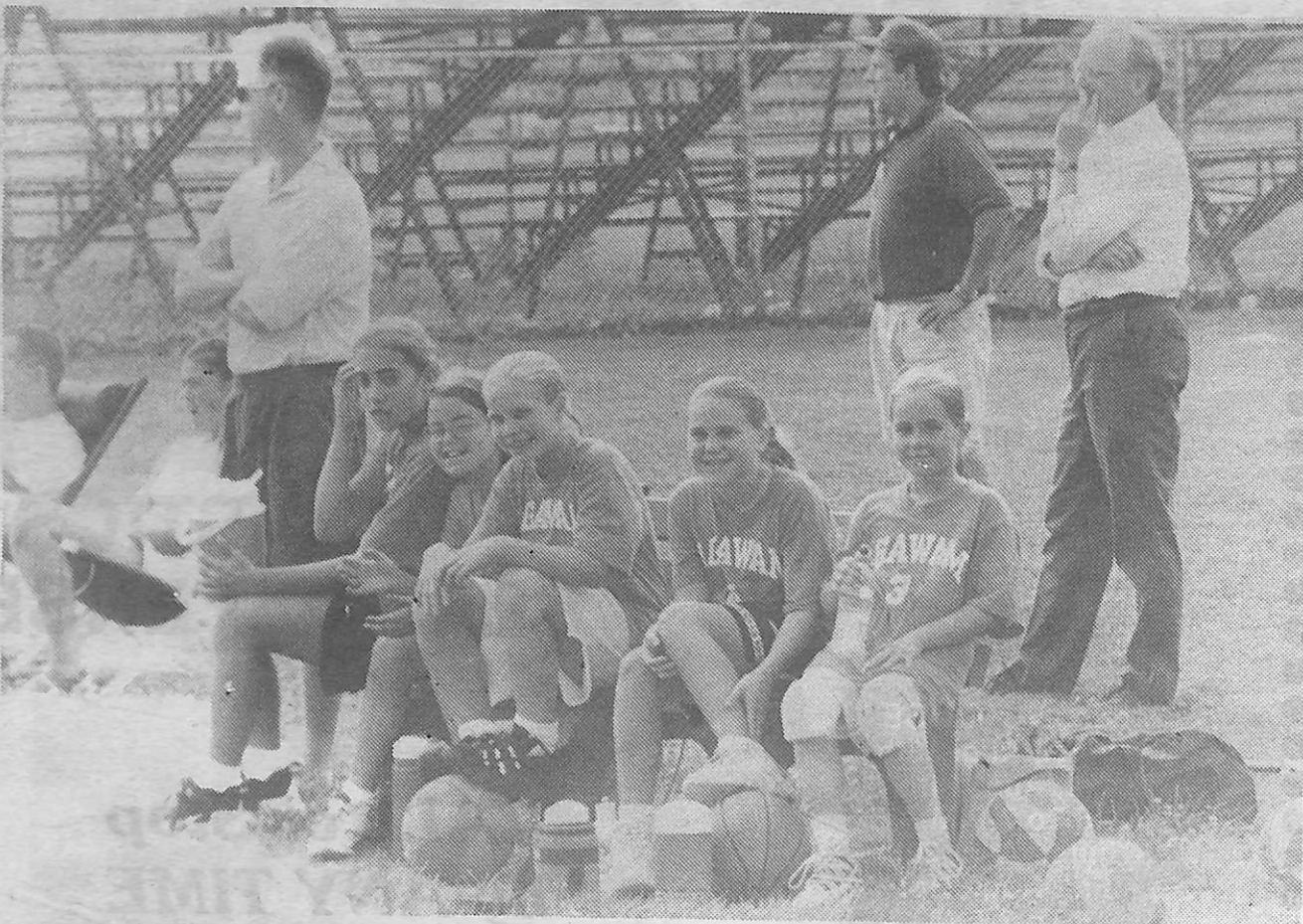
For more information on the AAA, please call Bob Hersey at 786-2979 (weekdays from noon to 4:00 p.m.), Scott Skolnick (786-0111), or Ric Sardella (789-2005).

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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Check our classified pages every week



JIM POWELL OF FEEDING HILLS (left), former coach of the American International College men's varsity basketball team, and now a scout for the NBA's Denver Nuggets, has a daughter, Cara, playing with one of the Agawam Athletic Association's fifth/sixth Suburban Basketball teams this summer. Powell has been helping out with the team during the summer season. The girls seated are some of the members of the summer team coached by Bob Hersey. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Summer Hoop Big Success For AAA Girls



IN PHOTO LEFT, MEMBERS OF THE 5th/6th grade division team AAA Thunder, coached by Scott Skolnick, in action at the Agawam High School outdoor basketball courts vs. Chicopee last week. AAA players in photo are Sara Skolnick (second from left) and Megan Kelley (right). IN PHOTO RIGHT, AAA fifth/sixth grade player Susan Jenney (standing, right) watches one of her own teammates and two Ludlow players scramble for a loose ball in summer Girls' Suburban action at the outdoor courts at Agawam High School. RELATED STORY AND PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AAA 5th/6th grade Thunder watch action on the court during a win over Chicopee last week at the outdoor courts at Agawam High School. RELATED STORY AND PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Physical Examination Schedule For AHS's Fall Athletic Teams

All Agawam High School student-athletes trying out for a fall athletic team MUST have a physical examination completed by their own physician or by the school physician BEFORE they will be allowed to try out for any team.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS will take place at Agawam High School, in the nurse's office. In both cases, a **THOROUGHLY COMPLETED M.I.A.A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM** signed by both the doctor and the parent/guardian must be on file.

Forms are available at Agawam High School. Examinations done by the school doctor are free of charge.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE:

AUGUST 19, 1998: 8:30 a.m., Varsity & JV Football; 9:30 a.m., Varsity & JV Boys' Soccer; 10:00 a.m., Boys' Cross Country; 10:15 a.m., Golf; 10:30 a.m., Varsity & JV Girls' Soccer; 11:15 a.m., Varsity & JV Field Hockey; 11:45 a.m., Girls' Volleyball.

AUGUST 21, 1998: 8:30 a.m., Freshmen Football; 9:00 a.m., Freshmen Boys' Soccer; 9:30 a.m., Freshmen Girls' Soccer; 9:45 a.m., Freshmen Field Hockey; 10:00 a.m., Gymnastics; 10:15 a.m., Girls' Cross Country.

AUGUST 24, 1998: 8:00 a.m., Make-up physical for boys; 8:30 a.m., Make-up physicals for girls.

TRYOUT SCHEDULE: REVISED AND UPDATED:

August 24th: Football - ONLY - Conditioning Day - No Contact

August 25th: Football - ONLY - Conditioning Day - No Contact

August 26th: Football - ONLY - Conditioning Day - No Contact

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Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer...

Agawam Boys' Team Finishes With 5-6-3 Record

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam Pioneer Valley boys' summer soccer team finished up with a 5-6-3 record in the high school division. That's not bad when you understand that they lost five straight to start the season. "Yeah, it was a little tough on us at first," Coach Ray Scott admitted. "I think it took some time for the kids to get used to playing together."

But they did finally get it together, posting a 5-1-3 slate down the stretch. The coach gives a lot of credit to the defense. "If you stop the other guys from scoring, it takes a great deal of pressure off the offense because they're not always trying to play their way out of a hole," Scott said.

When they got it going, the summer Brownies had some good games - among them, tying unbeaten and then untied Minnechaug 1-1. "Actually, they tied us after being down by a goal for most of the game," Scott smiled.

The locals also played tough against perennial powerhouse Ludlow. "They beat us 1-0 on a penalty kick towards the end of the game. And we tied a tough West Side team, 2-2. The kids played some good soccer against some very good clubs. We were even in the games we lost," the coach pointed out.

The team relied on ball movement to turn its season around. "That's the secret of soccer. You have to get in position for a shot that means something - that's on net," Scott said.

The roster included 25 kids. Not all were there for every game because of summer commitments, but when they did show up, everyone contributed in some way. Scott was particularly impressed with the play of veterans Jay Flood, Dave Thomas, and Barry Ward. Also getting noticed were Brian Lopes, Wes Scott, and Brad Theriaque, who showed well at stopper. The coach also singled out keepers John DeCaro and Derek Mercadante for their play in goal.

"I'd say 99 percent of these kids will be involved in the varsity or junior varsity programs at AHS in the fall," Scott noted.



SOON-TO-BE Agawam High senior Dave Thomas has had a good season with the Agawam Pioneer Valley boys' summer soccer team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Underclassmen Comprise Majority Of 1998's Team...

Agawam Girls Bow To Ludlow In Summer Soccer Playoffs

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam girls' Pioneer Valley summer soccer team, trying to avenge a 4-1 regular season setback to Ludlow, lost to the Lady Lions 1, 3-1 in quarterfinal playoff action Tuesday evening at the Junior High.

The first half saw the summer Brownies play Ludlow even up in the high school division contest. The Lions, however, scored first in a bizarre manner. With six minutes gone, Agawam was in an offside trap. Ludlow, clearly offside on the play, scored off that strategy. Agawam Coach Denny Marr was on the field immediately, arguing his case. Later, Marr would reveal that the official in the Agawam zone told him he'd blown the play. "He told me, 'I owe you one,'" Marr said.

"We were playing well and had a lot of scoring opportunities in the half, despite that bad call," Marr said. The first half ended 1-0, Ludlow.

Bright Spot At the 13:00 Mark

Agawam didn't have as many opportunities in the second half, however. Their bright spot came at the 13-minute mark, when Jen Lyman scored from 25 yards out on a shot that was center-cut and over the Ludlow keepers' head.

During that half, the official did seem to try to atone for his mistake. Marie Buendo had a breakaway with nine minutes to play. The official was standing not more than 20 feet away from her. The soon-to-be Brownie senior was clearly offside. "We could all see that, yet he didn't make the call. The guy tried to make things right, I

guess. But then again, maybe he just didn't see the play. Who knows?" Marr observed.

The summer Brownies ended their season at 7-4-4, which wasn't a bad showing for a team that was heavy with underclassmen who didn't have as much experience as many would have liked. "That's the way we do it. The team is made up on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 26 kids who sign-up before the season are on the squad. We don't have tryouts," Marr said.

Looking back on the summer campaign, Marr said he sat the kids down after the final regular season game and told them they did well because they communicated better and better as things progressed. He also noted that the kids were always aggressive, which has become the trademark of Agawam girls' soccer for the past several years. They also showed a good amount of team speed during the campaign.


Most of the players will either make the varsity or play on the junior varsity team in the fall. A lot of them impressed the coach. "In a couple weeks, when (varsity coach) Mary Murray returns from her summer job down at the Cape, we'll talk. She'll ask me who I think can help her and I'll tell her my take on things," Marr said.

Many kids showed well. Among them, Sheri Benton at sweeper, Jen Lyman, Dianna DiStefano, Gina Loudfoot, Kerry McGeoghan, Amanda Tilden, and keeper Kaitlin White.

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Profile...

Lauren Seymour Recalls Her Days As A Superstar Pitcher At Agawam High

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

"Without a doubt, Lauren Seymour set a standard for Agawam High softball that will be hard to emulate."

Those were the words of Coach Deb Lickley describing the 1995 graduate and superstar pitcher who saw an injury cut her career short in her senior season. Lauren compiled one of the best records ever in the annals of Western Mass. softball. As a freshman and sophomore, she was 9-1. As a junior, her record was 12-1 and grabbed her a spot on the All-Western Mass. team. Her 30-3 career record was produced without a senior year because of tendonitis.

"Even now, I can't throw a softball. My wrist locks up," she said recently. But there is more on her mind these days than pitching. Lauren will be a senior this year at Assumption College in Worcester. It's one of the top schools in New England. Her major is biology with a minor in chemistry. Her concentration is biotechnology. She hopes one day to become a doctor.

Not An Easy Three Years

It hasn't been an easy three years at Assumption for Lauren. With a heavy course load and labs almost every afternoon, she has had little time for softball. "I never could have gone out for the team here even if I was healthy," she admitted.

Right now, she is unsure of what kind of medicine she'll practice once it's all over. "I'm going to take next year off, study, and then apply to medical school." She has no preference. "I'll go to whatever good one takes me." She said she recently spent some of her time this summer completing a class at UMass to help her prepare for the medical boards.

Lauren likes Assumption. "It's been a great experience for me." She has lived all three years on campus and will do so again this time around. "I don't know if I'd want to live in Worcester, but there are nine or 10 colleges in the area, so a young person is never at a loss for something to do."

Assumption is among the most expensive schools in New England. To make ends meet, Lauren works summers at her father's business, Western Growers Greenhouse in West Springfield. That gives her 20 hours a week. She also works in the chemistry lab at Baystate Medical Center (another 20 or 30 hours). She is also a certified aerobics instructor and teaches it during the school year at Assumption. "I try to keep in shape by going to the gym five or six times a week. I make the time for that," she said.

"A Complete Team Player..."

Lickley had nothing but praise and more praise for her former star. "Lauren was a complete team player," Lickley said. That attitude was never more evident in her senior year. She couldn't pitch but tried to pass on what she had learned to another outstanding Brownie pitcher, Laura Rapa.

"I tried to help Laura out in the mental aspect of the game. Laura helped lead the team to a Western Mass. championship," she recalled. Lauren could only DH for the team. But she did that job as best she could. "Every captain and pitcher we've had since 1995 has been based on



LAUREN SEYMOUR (center), who graduated from Agawam High School in 1995, with her parents, Nancy and Paul Seymour. This fall, Lauren will be a senior at Assumption College in Worcester, where she is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. Her concentration is biotechnology, and she hopes to become a doctor.

Lauren and the values she brought us," Lickley added.

Does Lauren miss high school? "No, not the class part of it, but I do miss my old teammates and friends I developed through sports. Most of them are still in the area and we get together when we can," she said.

She also noted that the longer she is away from softball, the less she misses the game itself. "There are new kids now. Things change, I guess," she said.

During the school year, Lauren tries to get home at least one weekend a month. "It's only about an hour's drive up the Pike. I miss my family and especially my two younger brothers (Alex, who'll be going to the Junior High, and Chris, who'll be a freshman this year at Agawam High)."

She was a force in the circle during her playing days. Did she have any advice for the crop of players following in her footsteps? "I think mental toughness is a key. You have to be tough on yourself because that's one of the ways to improve." She also added that it doesn't hurt to have a coach who felt the same way. "Yes, Coach Lickley was tough on me at times. But she was also my best friend," Lauren said.



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At Oak Ridge Golf Club...

New Assistant Golf Pro Assesses His First Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There is a new face at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. It's that of Eric Nelson, who is the new assistant golf professional.

The 25 year-old started there at the beginning of this season. Eric was born in Springfield, but went to high school in Swampscot - a coastal town near Boston in Eastern Massachusetts. While there, he was on the golf team.

Eric then attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Even though he was a good golfer, he didn't go there to play golf. "No, they had a great team and were nationally ranked during my four years there," he said. "I attended that particular school because of their excellent program in golf management."

Assistant Pro In Colorado

After college, Eric knocked around a bit, playing a few tournaments in Florida, while going here and there across the country. He got a job as an assistant pro in Colorado (which was nice during the summer, but had its drawbacks during the winter). "I don't ski and out there, that's about what everyone does when the snow flies," he smiled. His most current job before coming to Oak Ridge was as an assistant pro in Illinois.

"I saw the Oak Ridge job posted and talked to Jim (head pro Jim Modzelesky). We hit it off. He liked my resume and hired me." It was a natural move for Eric, who has family in Western Mass.

Eric has been playing golf for over 12 years. He especially enjoys the teaching part of it. "I try to feel the needs of the individual I'm instructing. I'm not so much into the technical side of it. I want them to learn the game the right way, but at their own pace. Golf takes hard work, but it is also supposed to be fun."

He enjoys all age groups, but the kids have a special place as he showed at the recently completed Oak Ridge Junior Golf Program. "You have to be patient with them. And most of them are so eager to learn," he noted.

He likes this area, which, besides family, was one of the reasons he decided to return. "There are a lot of great golf courses around here. I used to play sectional tournaments in Connecticut and they were good memories." Eric feels his strength is in his short game. "I can chip and putt very well. That keeps my scores in the low 70's and sometimes down into the 60's," he noted.

PGA In The Future??

Does Eric ever think of trying the PGA Tour? He paused, "Sometimes, but that is a tough way to make a living." One day he'd like to be a head pro somewhere. "That's a lot of work, too. I've seen Jim in action. You have to put in the hours and know what you're doing, big time."

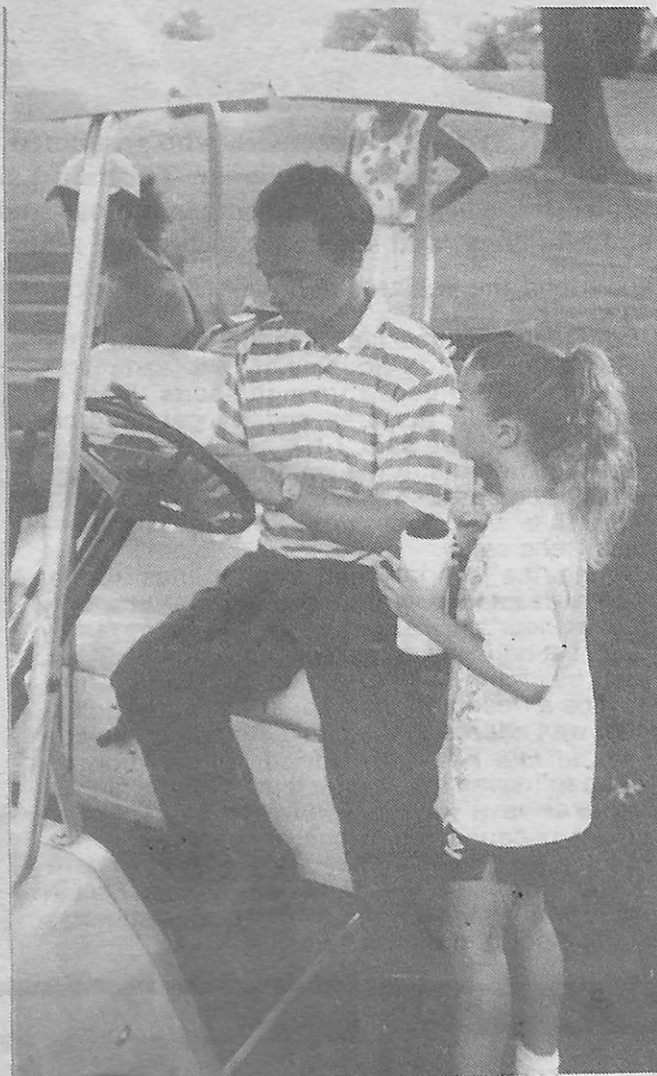
When Eric isn't at Oak Ridge, he spends time practicing up at the Longhi's golf facility in Southwick. "With my heavy schedule at Oak Ridge, it's tough to get in time on the driving range. But you have to find the time if you want to keep improving."

Eric, by the way, isn't married. His take on the single life is a realistic one. "You work so much in my job that I don't know how a woman could put up with it all," he laughed.



ERIC NELSON (kneeling, front row center), the new assistant golf professional at Oak Ridge Golf Club, with the participants in this year's Junior Golf Program at the club. Advertiser News

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ERIC NELSON registers a student at Oak Ridge's Junior Golf Program. Advertiser News photo

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Agawam "Sting" Is Playoff Bound

The basketball team previously known as the Agawam Tigers has a new name and has entered a new league for the 1998 summer basketball season.

For the past seven years, Agawam has participated in the Nathan Bill basketball program. This year's team, now known as the Agawam Sting, has joined the Springfield Family Center League. This is a 16 and under league comprised by six teams, mainly players from their respective freshman school teams.

The Sting was put to the test in game one against the host team, the Family Center. Agawam lost 39-19, despite a balanced scoring attack.

Game two, which was a carbon copy of game one, found the Sting falling behind as many as 25 points late in the first half. However, a tenacious second-half rally saw Agawam trailing S.P.O. of Springfield by two points.

With just four seconds left on the clock, Lou Conte's last-ditch shot just missed as Agawam lost for the second time, 52-50. Good defense by forward Mike Thomas, with guards Travis Reed and Shawn Mercadante, helped erase the first-half deficit. A.J. Martucci had 29 points in a good effort.

The Sting got its first win of the season, 36-34, over Ray's Five. Lou Conte's 11 points, strong rebounding from Adam Ellsworth, and the aggressive play of Josh Ducharme helped lead the way.

Game four was a disaster, as the Sting was in trouble from the opening tip-off. Dunbar could have easily beaten high school teams, as they scored the game's first 26 points. Travis Reed's short jumper gave Agawam its first points, but the Sting was never in the game, losing 75-30.

Agawam came out strong in game five, as it defeated M.L.K. 38-35 in a back-and-forth game. Steve Douglas's foul shot in the last minute of play sealed the victory. Sharp passing by guard Travis Reed, along with A.J. Martucci's 14 points and Adam Ellsworth's 12 points, gave Agawam its second win.

Agawam's record stood at two wins and three losses for the first half of season. The top four teams will make the playoffs, so the Sting is in a three-way tie for third place.

The Sting opened up the second half of the season losing 66-25 to the Family Center. Lou Conte was the high scorer with 10 points.

The Sting had revenge on its mind when it faced S.P.O., the 52-50 winner over Agawam in the first half of the season. With only five players for the game, the Sting fell behind 26-18 at halftime, with A.J. Martucci scoring all 18 points.

The defense took over as Josh Ducharme, Steve Douglas, and Travis Reed, along with the offensive help of Adam Ellsworth's 12 points, forced the game into overtime. Agawam won 42-39, as it held S.P.O. to only 12 points in the second half and only one point in overtime.

In the second half of the season, Agawam won game three by a score of 37-32 to defeat Ray's Five once again. With only six players for the game, this was truly a great performance as everyone scored. This win gave Agawam third place with two games remaining before the playoffs.

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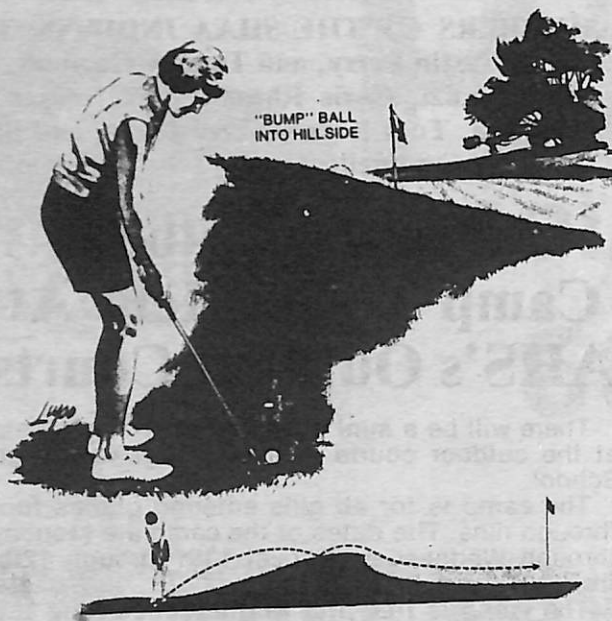
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Bump And Run Beats The Wedge

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By being hit into the near side of the hill, the ball trickles nicely down the slope and frees me from worrying about hitting the wedge too hard, a worry that often leads to a dubbed shot.

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Shaw has stated that the goal is to raise \$3,000, and anyone wishing to donate may do so by sending their check to ASA, P.O. Box 442, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Please make checks payable to the Agawam Soccer Association.

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Sacred Heart Indians Win Palmer Baseball Tournament

The Sacred Heart Indians won the Palmer Baseball Tournament held at Burleigh Park in Palmer from July 18th-July 25th.

In the first game, the SHAA boys' 11-12 team defeated Belchertown, 18-0, in five innings (Mercy Rule). Aaron D'Amario, Jeff Neilsen, Mike Locke, and Justin Perry had three hits each. Locke, Perry, and Mike Bachini hit two hits each. Locke and D'Amario combined to pitch a one-hit shutout.

In game two, the Indians beat South Hadley, 8-2. Mike Locke, Jeff Neilsen, Tommy Gorman, and Mike Bachini had two hits each. Locke hit two homeruns and Justin Perry hit one homerun.

Game three saw the boys from Sacred Heart defeat East Longmeadow by the score of 18-4. Mike Locke went 4-5 with two homeruns and Scott Santinello added a homerun. Justin Perry pitched a complete game for the winners. Dan Korney had a solid game behind the plate.

The fourth game of the tournament featured the only two undefeated teams left; SHAA and Wilbraham. Even though the pitchers from Wilbraham were not overpowering, they held the Indians in check. But, thanks to Mike Locke's dominating performance on the mound, Sacred Heart won, 3-1. Locke struck out 16 and only allowed one hit. Tommy Gorman made the defensive play of the tournament in the top of the sixth with Sacred Heart clinging to a 3-1 lead. Wilbraham had a runner on third base and one out. He made a great catch at third base to take a sure hit and RBI away from Wilbraham. Jeff Neilsen led both teams with two hits.

On Saturday, July 25th, the two teams met again in the championship with Wilbraham needing to beat Sacred Heart twice to win the tournament. Justin Perry made sure that only one game was to be played as he stepped to the plate four straight times and hit four consecutive homeruns in leading SHAA to a 15-7 victory.

Anthony Manzi, Aaron D'Amario, and Tommy Gorman also hit homeruns for the winners. Alan Bishop helped SHAA by banging out three hits of his own.

Kyle Perry made two nice sliding catches in leftfield and T.J. Hamilton made a nice catch of his own in rightfield. Jeff Neilsen went the distance on the mound for the Indians. Also contributing for Sacred Heart was Chris Rheault. Justin Perry was named "MVP" of the tournament by committee members.

Also under consideration as far as Coach Fred Perry was concerned were Mike Locke and Jeff Neilsen. The Indians' overall record so far is 12 wins and no losses.

Coaches Fred Perry, Tom Korney, Steve Neilsen, and Tom Hamilton would like to thank all of the kids for their effort and all of the parents for their dedication to the team. Special thanks to Roy Bishop for his great action shots of the final game. The boys are playing in the Belchertown tournament from July 30th to August 9th.



MEMBERS OF THE SHAA INDIANS. Front row: T.J. Hamilton, Alan Bishop, Mike Locke, Justin Perry, and Tommy Gorman. Middle row: Kyle Perry, Aaron D'Amario, Anthony Manzi, Chris Rheault, Jeff Neilsen, and Mike Bachini. Back row: Coaches Tom Hamilton, Tom Korney, Fred Perry, and Steve Neilsen. (Missing from photo: Dan Korney and Scott Santinello.)

Girls' Basketball Camp To Be Held At AHS's Outdoor Courts

There will be a mini girls' basketball camp held at the outdoor courts located at Agawam High School.

The camp is for all girls entering grades four through nine. The dates of the camp are Monday through Wednesday, August 10th through 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The camp is free and will be directed by Lou Conte and several AHS girls' players.

Bay West Hockey To Hold Registration At Agawam Library

The Bay West Hockey Association will be conducting its annual registration on Thursday, August 13th, at the Agawam Public Library from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

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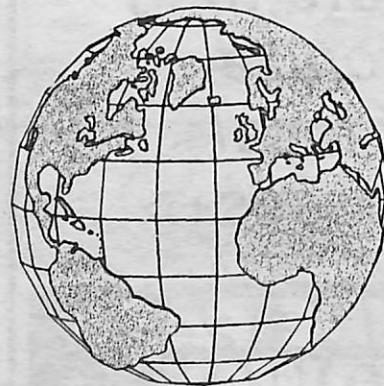
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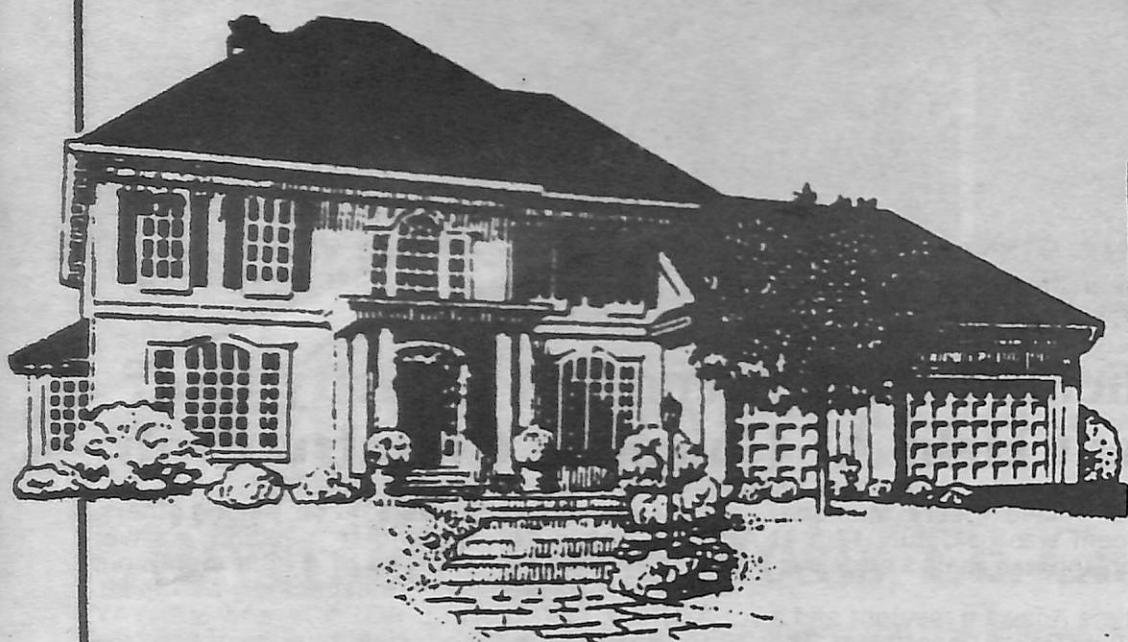
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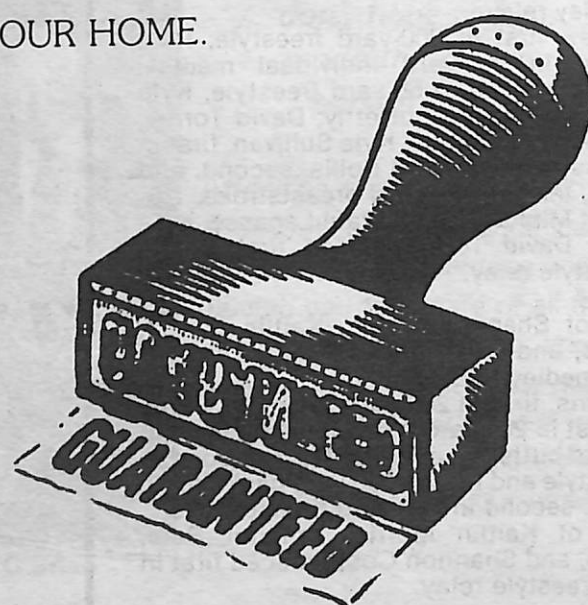
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Agawam Piranhas Defeated By Team From West Springfield

The Agawam Piranhas swim team lost against the West Springfield team by a score of 231-298 on July 21st at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

Brittany Sullivan, second in 25-yard freestyle; Sarah Torrey, third in 50-yard freestyle; Taryn Dooley, first in 25-yard backstroke; Taryn Dooley, first, and Brittany Sullivan, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

The team of Mary Malone, Brittany Sullivan, Kathryn Malone, and Taryn Dooley placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 8 & under:

Kevin Sanders, second in 50-yard freestyle and second in 25-yard backstroke.

Girls 9-10:

Angela Virella, first, and Carlee Bouthiller, second in 50-yard freestyle; Caitlin Hurley, second, and Brittany Gutowski, third in 50-yard butterfly; Nadia Maradiaga, third in 100-yard freestyle; Alison Pariseau, third in 50-yard backstroke.

The team of Allison Nyman, Alison Pariseau, Carlee Bouthiller, and Brittany Gutowski placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 9-10:

Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 100-yard individual medley, first in 50-yard butterfly, and second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

Julia Weisgerber, second in 200-yard freestyle; Bethany Reid, first in 200-yard individual medley; Julia Weisgerber, second in 50-yard freestyle; Bethany Reid, first, and Danielle Poggi, third in 100-yard freestyle; Danielle Poggi, second in 50-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first, and Julia Weisgerber, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

Kyle Henry, second in 200-yard freestyle; Connor Dooley, second in 50-yard freestyle; Kyle Henry, third in 100-yard freestyle; Connor Dooley, second in 50-yard backstroke; Kyle Henry, second, and Connor Dooley, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

The team of Kimberly Chmura, Allison Morris, Selema Sekkal, and Brittany Theriaque placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Allison Morris, second in 200-yard freestyle; Selema Sekkal, second, and Kristine Archambault, third in 50-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, second in 100-yard butterfly; Brittany Theriaque, second in 100-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, first, and Brittany Theriaque, second in 100-yard backstroke; Allison Morris, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Brittany Theriaque, Kristine Archambault, Allison Morris, and Kimberly Chmura placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 13-14:

The team of Michael Follis, Paul Lagasse, Kyle Sullivan, and David Torrey placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

David Torrey, first in 200-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, first in 200-yard individual medley; Michael Follis, second in 50-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, first in 100-yard butterfly; David Torrey, second in 100-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, first in 100-yard backstroke; Michael Follis, second, and Paul Lagasse, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Michael Follis, Paul Lagasse, Kyle Sullivan, and David Torrey placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Girls 15-18:

The team of Shannon Costa, Kaitlin Morris, Rachel Morris, and Jennifer Reid placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Rachel Morris, first in 200-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 200-yard individual medley and first in 100-yard butterfly; Jennifer Reid, second in 100-yard freestyle and first in 100-yard backstroke; Kaitlin Morris, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Kaitlin Morris, Jennifer Reid, Rachel Morris, and Shannon Costa placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 15-18:

Charlie Roberts, first in 200-yard freestyle and first in 50-yard freestyle.

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MEMBERS OF THE WINNING FOURSOME — Kevin Fleury, Brett Gearing, Chris McEligott, and David Fleury (all from Agawam) — at the second Annual Richie Fleury Memorial Charity Golf Tournament, which was held on July 17th.

Second Richie Fleury Memorial Charity Golf Tournament Held At Chicopee Country Club

The second Annual Richie Fleury Memorial Charity Golf Tournament was held July 17th at Chicopee Country Club and was again a huge success.

Richie was a long-time Agawam resident and a member of the Springfield Police Department. The charity tournament raises funds that are used in part to help out local families during a crisis, with particular interest in helping families with a seriously ill child or parent.

Last year, donations were made, among others, to the family of a toddler needing a liver transplant and a single dad of a nine month-old whose wife passed away unexpectedly at age 28.

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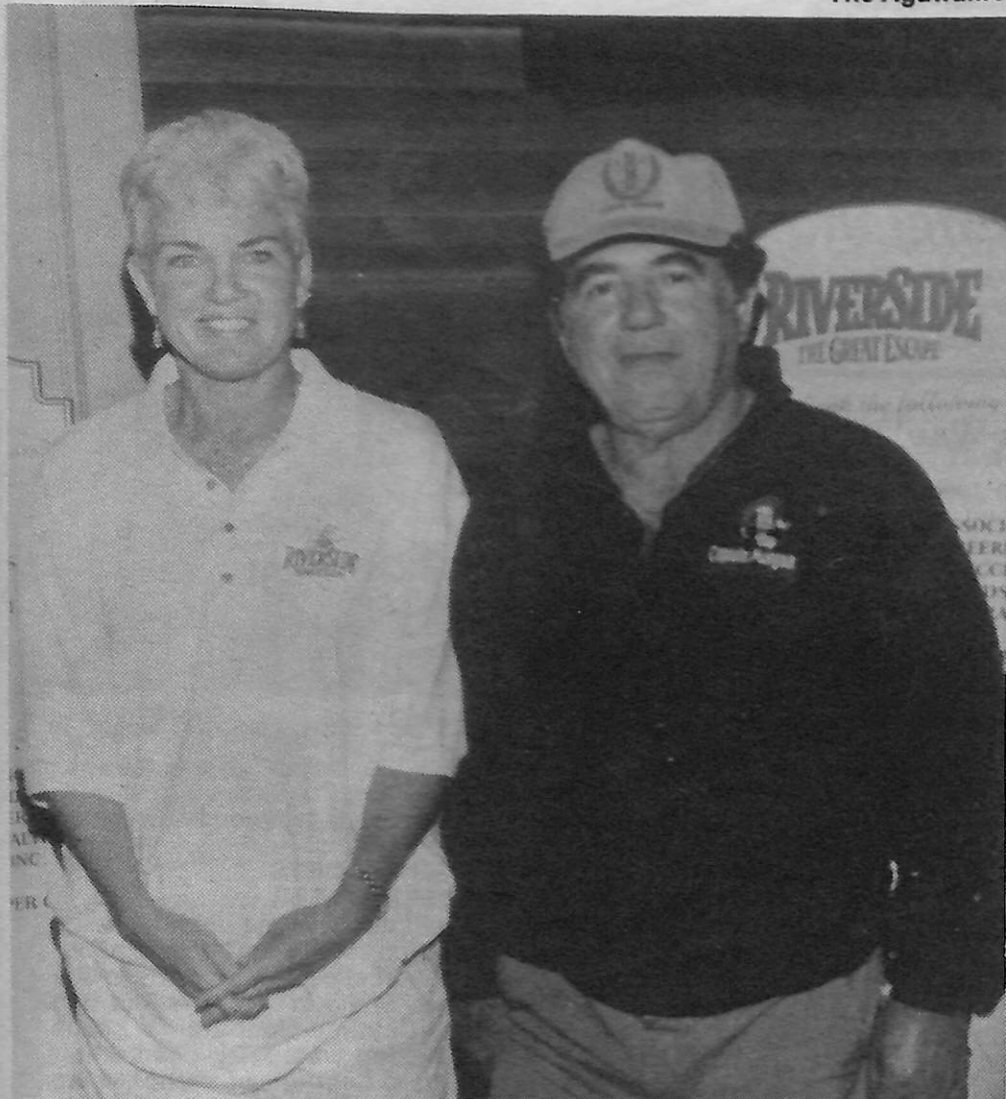
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SOME OF THE "FRIENDLY FACES" at the eighth Annual Riverside Park/Edward J. Carroll, Sr. Golf Classic, which was held this past June. From left to right: Lainy Dullea, Frank Bruno, Anthony Frasco, Bob Slate, and Paul Depelteau. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Riverside Park Hosts Ed Carroll, Sr. Golf Classic

Riverside Park hosted the eighth Annual Riverside Park/Edward J. Carroll, Sr. Golf Classic on Monday, June 15th. The tournament was held at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills with dinner following at the Riverside Park Picnic Grove.

All proceeds from the Golf Classic will benefit the 1998 College Scholarship Fund for seasonal employees.

"This tournament is a great tradition that we are extremely proud to continue and help grow," stated William B. Muirhead, V.P./General Manager of Riverside Park. In 1997, the tournament raised \$30,000 which was awarded to 25 employees for use toward school expenses. "As this tournament wraps up its eighth year, we are happy to help more employees attain their academic goals," Muirhead added.

The 1998 Edward J. Carroll Scholarships marks

the eighth year that Riverside has recognized and honored its academic-minded employees. Since its inception in 1991, Riverside has presented over \$130,000 to 101 qualified recipients.

Tournament day began at 11:15 a.m. with lunch at Oak Ridge and the tournament following at 12:30 p.m. After the tournament, participants were invited to Riverside Park for dinner at the Picnic Grove.

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The Big E To Sponsor Open Pantry's Sixth Golf Outing

Eastern States Exposition has agreed to sponsor the sixth Annual Golf Outing to benefit the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Big E President Wayne McCary sought to sponsor the event after conversations with the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry Director Jennifer Cummings.

Paul Skowera, chairman of the Golf Benefit, said that each year he has been able to give more money to the Pantry as the benefit grows. Ms. Cummings indicated that this Golf Benefit has been the Open Pantry's largest single fundraiser. The Big E has given a big boost to this year's tournament by agreeing to become a major sponsor. They join WMAS AM/FM, who has been helping for the last three years with announcements and prizes for the event.

The Open Pantry in West Springfield meets the needs of the disadvantaged not only here in town, but also in Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick. Supplying 11 meals a week, residents may also receive a three-day supply of food each month as well as clothing, advocacy services, and healthcare.

Household goods, showers, and laundry facilities are also available. The Pantry subsists due to the generosity of the individuals, businesses, and civic groups in the area. Without this continued support, the Open Pantry would struggle to continue to offer the variety of services needed by the low-income population.

The Big E has a long history of being generous to the Town of West Springfield. The organizers of the Golf Tournament wish to express their deep gratitude to The Eastern States Exposition for supporting this year's Open Pantry Golf Outing. Special thanks also go to Susan Murray from WMAS radio.

The Golf Benefit will be held at Shaker Farms Country Club on Shaker Road in Westfield on August 19th. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by shotgun start at 9:30. The \$80 (\$85 the day of the event) fee includes green fees, food, fun, and prizes.

More information can be obtained from Paul Skowera at 739-1695 or Jennifer at the Pantry, 734-2639.

Lawn Mower Racing At Riverside Park On August 9th

If you've ever dreamed of the Indy 500 while piloting your riding lawn mower back and forth on a Saturday afternoon, you won't want to miss the first-ever national-caliber Lawn Mower Racing event at Riverside Park August 9th.

Sponsored by Allen Lawnmower, one of the area's most longstanding family-owned businesses, Riverside will host the 1998 Sta-Bil National Lawn Mower Racing Series in an exhibition event that pits nationally competitive drivers against each other on the Riverside track. And if this sounds like less-than-serious stuff, consider the fact that this year's Labor Day Series Nationals, backed by title sponsor Sta-Bil, will receive national television coverage via TNN Nashville Network!

The groundwork for the Allen/Riverside partnership was laid last year, when six Nascar drivers competed on powerful riding mowers donated by Allen Lawnmower as the Riverside crowd cheered them on.

"We wanted to do something that families would enjoy watching, and keep it right here in Western Mass.," notes Allen's Vice President and General Manager John Alves. "This year, we're moving it to the next level. These drivers take competition very seriously, even in an exhibition event. But you never lose that feeling of fun. After all, these are lawn mowers we're talking about!"

Joe Lewandoski, Riverside Park's Director of Racing, notes that lawn mower racing has followed England's lead and evolved into an organized race circuit sport in the United States in recent years. The partnership with Allen Lawnmower is "a natural" according to Lewandoski, who has arranged for several drivers to make an appearance at Allen's Agawam store on August 8th, where an afternoon Open House will kick off "Green Prix Day" in the Pioneer Valley.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon ... AAN!!!



Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

What Is A "Three-Way" Rig???

In recent articles, I have talked about three-way live eels. Since then, I have received several inquiries as to what is a "three-way" rig. For the benefit of those anglers who are unfamiliar with the three-way rig, perhaps the following explanation will help.

To make the rig, take a three-way swivel. Attach the top ring to the business end of your fishing line. Attach a leader of about two feet to the bottom end of the rig. This is the leader that your sinker should be attached to. I advise using a leader that is about half of the breaking strength of your line. Should the sinker hang up, you will lose the sinker but save the rest of the rig.

The third ring of the three-way rig should have about three feet of 30- to 60-pound test leader attached to it. This terminates with a live bait hook which is run through the lips (or nostrils) of the eel.

Variations on this rig include using a bucktail jig and pork rind trailer. Whether you are using the eel or jig combo, this is a deadly package for scoring in otherwise tough-to-fish areas. The size of the sinker should be dictated by the depth and speed of the water.

It is imperative that the angler maintain contact with the bottom, raising the rig just a few cranks of the reel handle so as not to hang up. You should be able to lower the rod tip and feel the sinker bounce off the bottom.

The addition of a wide-screen depth finder mounted at the rear of the boat allows anglers to see when the depth is changing, so that they can either reel up or let the rig down as the changing depth dictates.

At locations like Race Rock, the depths range from 60 feet to 30 feet, back to 50 feet, back up to 35 feet, and back down to 55 feet in less than the five minutes that it takes to complete the drift.

Anglers need to pay attention to the depth and adjust the amount of line out accordingly. According to the current flow and depths, sinkers in the 10-ounce to 16-ounce range may be necessary.

Plan ahead for the next time you will be suffering from insomnia and give the rips a try at night. A word of caution, however! If you have not ventured out to these places during the daylight hours, it is probably a good idea to try a daytime visit first. There are no streetlights out there, and



KENT SERVIS with a healthy linesider caught in Fisher's Island Sound.

a dark night can get really dark (if you know what I mean!).

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Valley lakes are just about at the peak for weed growth, and the surface temps are also at about their peak. Congamond Lakes continue to provide some good weedline fishing in the early morning and evening hours. Daytime boat traffic keeps many of the fish in deep water. Try deep water close to structure, and fish jigs or vertical slab spoons very slowly.

Connecticut River carp fishermen have been having mixed success with corn or branberry dough baits. Catfishing continues to be an up-and-down proposition.

SALT WATER

Night fishing at various rips and reefs is producing some real nice striped catches. Live eels fished on three-way rigs is the top method, followed by anchoring and fishing chunks. Working parachute jigs on wire has been producing both bass and blues at Plumb Gut and Valiant Rock.

Offshore tuna action should be picking up once the thermal currents reform after the big storm. Nighttime chunking for yellow fin tuna will be getting into full swing, with many party boats offering one- and two-day trips.

Shark action has been good, with mostly blue sharks being taken. An occasional Mako will show up in the chum slick and provide some real acrobatics for some lucky anglers.

Fluke action has improved along shore areas and at the mouth of some of the Rhode Island breechways. Porgy catches are starting to improve and should be coming on strong.

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3. Jay Miller of East Granby, CT.
4. Eddy Carroll III of Suffield, CT.
5. Barry Gray of Belchertown, MA.
6. Todd Owen of Somers, CT.
7. Rich Vasseur of Ellington, CT.
8. Craig St. Germain of Enfield, CT.
9. Patrick Townsend of Springfield, MA.
10. Jeff Horn of Tolland, CT.
11. Jeff Connors of Ellington, CT.
12. Rick Turcotte of Hampden, MA.
13. Tom Dileo of Winsted, CT.
14. Ron LaPerche of Pawtucket, RI.
15. Tom Fearn of Agawam, MA.
16. Willie Hardie, Jr. of Leominster, MA.
17. Bennett Fuller of Enfield, CT.
18. Jim Banfield of South Glastonbury, CT.
19. John Lobo, Jr. of Southampton, MA.
20. Keith Minchella of Wilbraham, MA.
21. Sonny Fiega of Springfield, MA.
22. Joe Myette of Southwick, MA.
23. Tim Strojny of Southampton, MA.
24. Blaine Belz of Moodus, CT.
25. Jim Mavlouganes of Wethersfield, CT.

NAPA Modified Division (50 Laps)

1. Eddy Spiers of Beacon Falls, CT.
2. Bob Polverari of West Springfield, MA.
3. Ted Riggott of East Hartland, CT.
4. Ricky Miller of Agawam, MA.
5. Jimmy Broderick of Brookfield, CT.
6. Renee Dupuis of Glastonbury, CT.
7. Joe Czarnecki of Westfield, MA.

8. Dave Berube of Bristol, CT.
9. Carl Eriksson of Deep River, CT.
10. Bill Bolton of Enfield, CT.
11. Dave Gallo of Kensington, CT.
12. Todd Owen of Somers, CT.
13. Rob Summers of Manchester, CT.
14. Richie Gallup of Agawam, MA.
15. Ken Marques of Canton, CT.
16. Jim Liamis of West Suffield, CT.

Sportsman Division (25 Laps)

1. Jason Lafayette of Windsor, CT.
2. Scott Bigelow of Kensington, CT.
3. Jon Waterhouse of Berlin, CT.
4. Dennis Charette of Southington, CT.
5. Paul Mercadante of Southampton, MA.
6. Fred Berger of Morris, CT.
7. Doug Goetz of Danbury, CT.
8. Mitch Drewnowski of Feeding Hills, MA.
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19. Johnny Martino of Feeding Hills, MA.
20. Keith Carzello of Enfield, CT.
21. Mike Chaves of South Windsor, CT.
22. Bill Reiman of Southington, CT.
23. Ed Charette of Plainville, CT.
24. Robert Bahre of Canton, CT.

Teddy Bear Pools Truck Division (30 Laps)

1. Rob Valerio of New Britain, CT.
2. Mike Salmond of Ludlow, MA.
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19. Keith Miller of Broad Brook, CT.

Figure 8 Division (15 Laps)

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3. Erik Comstock of West Haven, CT.
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6. John Gagnon of Westfield, MA.
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8. Steve Palmer of Watertown, CT.
9. John Albert of Southwick, MA.
10. L.A. Mark of Springfield, MA.
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Three Drivers Are Each \$5,000 Richer After Triple 50's Event

Tuesday, July 21st, At Riverside Speedway

In the highest-paying 50-lap races around, three of New England's best drivers took home \$5,000 paychecks after the Triple 50's Summertime Madness event at Riverside Park Speedway on Tuesday, July 21st. The total purse for all three divisions was \$45,075.

Mike Ewanitsko, who also competed in the Pro Stocks, was declared the winner of the Modified feature after Ted Christopher was disqualified for having an illegal spacer plate underneath the carburetor. Ewanitsko of North Babylon, New York, started second and set a fast pace up front with Christopher for the entire 50 laps. Bob Polverari, who earned his first win after eight years of retirement on July 18th, would take home second and \$2,000 for his efforts.

Defending Featherlite Modified Series and Busch North Series Champion Mike Stefanik was behind the wheel of the Bill Pelley-Bill Woodman owned number 11 Modified, but when a lug nut sheared from one of his wheels, Stefanik was forced out of the race and took home a 15th-place finish.

Todd Ceravolo, former driver of the number 11 Modified, stole the show in the SK Modified division. After the field of 15 SK Modifieds banged around the Agawam quarter-mile oval for the first time, Ceravolo took command and would never relinquish the lead.

Ceravolo of North Stonington, Connecticut, took home his \$5,000 prize after building a huge lead over the rest of the field. Jamie Askar of Southington, Connecticut, would finish second, followed by Mike Christopher, Willie Hardie, Jr., and Richie Gallup in fifth.

Eddy Carroll III showed the visiting Pro Stock drivers that he is still the man to beat at the track his family built. Carroll inherited the lead when early leaders Rich Vasseur and Tom Carey, Jr. spun around in turn 2 with only eight laps completed, and took out the six cars behind them. Jeff Connors of Ellington, Connecticut, was the runner-up, followed by Barry Gray, Jerry Marquis, and John Lobo, Jr. in fifth.

Riverside Park Speedway Announces Schedule Changes

Riverside Park Speedway has announced several changes to the remainder of its 1998 schedule. The first Annual "Invitational Challenge" on Tuesday, August 18th has been cancelled. The September 19th Enduro has been cancelled to give fans a rest after the September 18th "Back to School Bash."

In addition to these cancellations, other changes to the Riverside Park racing schedule are in store. The Enduro event on Saturday, October 17th has been moved to Saturday, October 24th and this event, packed with thrill acts and daredevils, will be known as the "Night of Destruction." The American Three Quarter Midget Racing Association (ATQMRA) was scheduled to compete on October 17th, but will not be on the card for the "Night of Destruction."

The Northeastern Midget Association (NEMA) Midgets will compete at Riverside Park on Sunday, August 23rd. The NEMA Midgets were at the Agawam 1/4-mile oval on July 13th, but the event was rained out. Instead of the Rodeo originally scheduled on August 29th-30th, Riverside Park will now feature the NASCAR Winston Racing Series on Saturday, August 29th. Each of Riverside Park's seven NASCAR divisions will compete, will feature races only, beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 30th has been added as a day of practice for the season-ending Enfield Pontiac 400. Qualifying for this event will take place on Saturday, October 31st, and feature races for Modifieds, SK Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Trucks, Sportsman, Super Stocks, Outlaw Late Models, and Outlaw Mini Stocks will take place on Sunday, November 1st. The NEMA Midgets event on October 31st has been cancelled.

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Eddy Spiers Takes Checkered Flag At Riverside Speedway's August 1st Event

Eddy Spiers of Beacon Falls, CT, grew up watching races at Danbury Racearena. On the night (Saturday, August 1st) when his heroes returned for a reunion at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, Spiers took the checkered flag for his second victory of the 1998 season. Another happy racer was Les Hinckley III, who won his first-ever feature on his 25th birthday.

Other winners from FRAM-HAPCO night at the races were Rob Valerio in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck Division, Jason Lafayette in the Sportsman Division and Don Pinette in the Figure 8 Division. The night ended with a bang when "Benny the Bomber" put on his trademark display: getting inside a car filled with dynamite, detonating it, and then walking away unscathed.

Spiers visited with his heroes before the race and actually had his roof panel autographed by Rit Patchen, who won the last points championship at Danbury before the track closed in 1982. The signature would prove to be good luck for Spiers, who took control of the 50-lap feature after a lap 12 restart. Spiers held off the challenges of defending track champion Ted Riggott and the legendary Bob Polverari before recording his second victory of the 1998 season.

Despite Early Accident, Riggott Climbs Back Into Number 14 Saddle For Victory

Defending Track Champion Ted Riggott had high hopes heading into Saturday's double points race at Riverside Park, but his hopes were dashed early when his No. 47 car was caught up in a major accident on the very first lap of the feature. Riggott then climbed into the No. 14 car and, although the record books may show otherwise, won the race.

Other winners from ACME Auto/Allstate Commercial Driver Training night at the races were Jeff Connors in the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division, EJ Legacy in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck division, Bill Reiman in the Sportsman division and David Banville in the Mini Stock division.

The 50 lap NAPA Modified feature began with Westfield's Joe Czarnecki on the pole, and was under caution seconds later after Carl Eriksson, Bill Bolton, Brad Hietala, Eddy Spiers, and Riggott were all involved in a major crash in turn three. Riggott examined the damage on his car, then headed to the pit area and got into the No. 14 car. NASCAR rules state that once the green flag has been taken, all subsequent driver changes will not result in points being carried over to the driver. Plantsville, Connecticut's Bill Anderson started the race in car No. 14 and was credited with all the points that were awarded to the winning car.

Riggott's fate was sealed with an 18th place finish in car No. 47, but the desire to compete and win was too strong to keep Riggott off the track. After an exciting battle with fan favorite Renee Dupuis, Riggott pulled the No. 14 into Victory Lane. Dupuis would finish second, followed by Ricky Miller, Dan Avery, and Eddy Spiers in fifth.

Hinckley of Windsor Locks, CT, celebrated his 25th birthday in grand style by taking down his first-ever feature win in the 40-lap Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock feature. Bobby Ermark finished second, followed by second-generation driver Jay Miller in third, Eddy Carroll III in fourth, and Barry Gray in fifth.

In the Sportsman division, another new winner graced Victory Lane as Jason Lafayette of Windsor, CT, took down his first win of the season. Lafayette was able to build a large lead in the closing laps over Scott Bigelow, Jon Waterhouse, Dennis Charette, and Paul Mercadante, who came home in positions two through five.

Don Pinette of Bristol, CT, nabbed the Figure 8 win over "Maniac" Mike Gigantino, Erik Comstock, Roger Macznik, and Betty Anne Dobosz. The win capped off a steady run of improvement for Pinette, who finished 15th, seventh, and second in his previous three starts.

Riverside Park Speedway continues its 50th anniversary season on Saturday, August 8th, as Guida Dairy presents the NASCAR Winston Racing Series. Feature divisions on August 8th include NAPA Modifieds, Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks, Teddy Bear Pools Trucks, Sportsman, and Legends.

Rob Summers maintained his lead in the Modified point standings with an eighth place finish. Riggott's misfortunes behind the wheel of car No. 47 would land him fourth place in the point standings after Saturday's double points feature.

The 40 lap Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock feature went to Ellington, Connecticut's Jeff Connors, who took the lead from Rick Turcotte on lap seven and never looked back. Connors was able to navigate through four lengthy caution periods and ward off the challenges of Jim Mavlouganis before taking down his first win of the 1998 season. Mavlouganis, who also competes at the Stafford Motor Speedway, finished second, followed by Jim Banfield, Todd Owen, and Eddy Carroll III in fifth.

EJ Legacy of Agawam had managed to keep himself near the top of the point standings in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck division without winning a race. Legacy has now added to his successful season by taking down a win. Chuck Docherty finished second, followed by Ted Chalmers, Pat Kretschman, and Brian Merchant in fifth.

Also in action was the Sportsman division, and Southington, Connecticut's Bill Reiman would grace Victory Lane for the first time this season. Keith Carzello was second, followed by Doug Goetz, Dennis Brilla, and Paul Mercadante in fifth.

The Mini Stock division returned to action after a three-week layoff, and David Banville of Somerset, Massachusetts won his second consecutive feature. Dave Sullivan was second, followed by 16 year-old Juris Kupris, Jr. in third, Cheryl Reilly in fourth, and Will Smith in fifth place.

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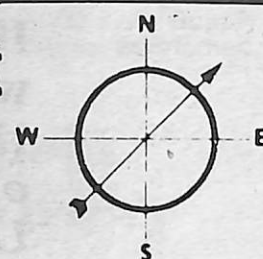
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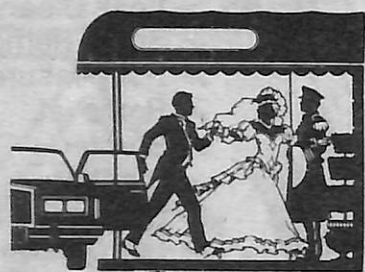
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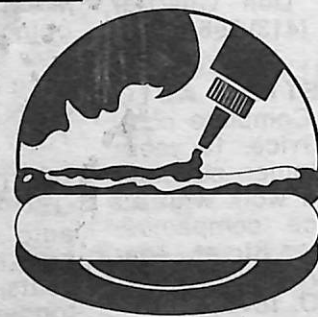
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